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### Hammer murderer is handed life term

A MAN who bludgeoned his best friend to death has been jailed for life for murder.

William Spence must serve a minimum of 17 years for killing Kevin Jones who died of brain injuries following an argument between the two men at the house they shared in Buxton Road, Dudley.

On Tuesday Spence was found guilty of the murder and causing actual bodily harm to Mr Jones' mother, Jean, as she tried to protect her son during the hammer attack.

Spence, aged 39, was convicted at Wolverhampton Crown Court. The family of Mr Jones looked on and hugged each other as the verdict was read out.

During the trial the court heard five fatal blows with a hammer were rained on Mr Jones' head.

The pair had been arguing at the house.

Mrs Jones had told the court she heard a "tremendous bang" as her son Kevin, 47, fell from the top of the stairs to the hallway following the row.

She told how she lay across his body and tried to wake him while Spence, known by his nickname Dec, stood near them.

Spence turned to walk upstairs, Mrs Jones said, returning "within seconds" holding a hammer with which he hit her.

### Fraud case adjourned

A DUDLEY woman has admitted a £25,000 benefits fraud.

Denise Lomas, aged 57, of Maple Road, claimed just over £19,000 in housing benefit and almost £5,000 in council tax benefit between 2004 and 2007.

The total overpayment was £24,285.49.

She appeared at Dudley Magistrates Court on Monday, speaking only to confirm her name, address and age and to enter guilty pleas to 10 charges.

The case was adjourned until January 28.

## NEW HOME NOW CRUCIAL TO GYM

by Alex Ross

**BOSSSES at a Halesowen gymnastics club that boasts an Olympic medallist as a member has warned its future will only be secured if a new home can be found.**

Earls Gymnastics Club has unveiled plans to move from its training base at Earls High School and move into an industrial unit off Cradley Road in Netherton after a surge in membership applications. The club is struggling to meet a demand in interest following club member Kristian Thomas winning a bronze medal at the Olympic Games in London this year. There are nearly 300 people on its waiting list.

### Extra cases for hospital cost £2.5m

Hospital bosses in Dudley were forced spend an additional £2.5m on extra staff and beds in recent months to treat hundreds of extra patients.

Around 800 more patients came through Russells Hall in the seven months to the end of October than the same period last year. Hospital bosses said they had to bring in more staff and additional beds in order to cope with the unexpected increase.

Latest figures show 22,500 patients came into the hospital either for emergency medical treatment or surgery during those seven months. This equated to an increase of 3.6 per cent in emergency admissions year-on-year, according to the hospital trust. Trust chief executive Paula Clark said the increase was in line with national figures of 3.8 per cent.

"Accommodating more people who arrive at Russells Hall Hospital as an emergency means we have had to be more selective about how we plan operations for people who elect to come to hospital," she said.

"This in turn has caused our income for planned operations to be lower than anticipated. Extra emergency patients also mean we have needed to open up additional beds and employ more staff through our own staff bank, and from agencies at a higher cost." The Dudley Group NHS Foundation runs a staff bank system to ensure that it has enough staff to call on.

Chairman John Caulwell said: "We need to find a suitable alternative base to secure the club's future."

"The problem we have now is the school is not big enough and the costings are too high."

"Since the Olympics we have seen the number of people wanting to join increase, but there is not enough capacity where we are."

"We need a larger base to bring the people in."

Mr Caulwell said the proposal to move to the industrial unit in Netherton was one of a number of options being considered. He would not name the other sites being looked at.

### Grant

The club has received a grant from Sport England, but needs to spend the cash by the end of March.

Apart from the one-off grant, the club is solely funded by membership fees and it struggles to pay its £28,500 a year rent.

Five coaches have already been laid off this year to help the club balance its books.

The £9,814 grant cash is earmarked for a new ring frame, parallel bars, a pommel horse, vault tracks and coaching blocks.

Kristian, aged 23, of Wednesfield, helped win Great Britain's first medal in the team event for a century when they scooped bronze at London 2012.

He is regular member and still trains at the club every week.

Dudley Council is expected to make a decision on the club's planning application by the end of January.

There are currently five international competitors training at the club along with Kristian, including Mr Caulwell's 13-year-old son, Harry, who is a member of the Great Britain squad.

### Hoping to plant a brighter look



Centre workers Louise Owen and Camilla Phillips with Ann Vaughan from Dudley Youth Offenders Service, Councillor Jill Nicholls and centre manager Wendy Riley

HANDMADE flower planters and bird boxes have been presented to residents as part of a project to brighten up a Halesowen estate. The presentation marked the latest stage of a scheme to renovate the Highfields estate. Volunteers have transformed the streets by tidying gardens and collecting litter.

Young offenders were set the task of creating the wooden planters and bird boxes to help with the transformation ready for spring.

Members from Dudley Youth Offenders Service presented their creations to staff based at The Hope Centre in Andrew Road.

### Borough's schools plummet in tables

DUDLEY has plummeted down the national school league tables despite youngsters achieving improved standard assessment tests (SATs) results this year.

The borough fell 19 places to 118 out of 152 local authorities, according to data from the Department for Education (DfE).

Last year 73 per cent of youngsters in Dudley achieved Level four or above in English and maths compared with 77 per cent this year.

Council cabinet member for education, Tim Crumpton, was quick to defend the performance of schools across the borough.

He said improvements were being made in primaries. "It is more important to me to see us progressing locally, if we weren't, then I would be concerned," he added.

Nationally, the number of primary schools failing to give pupils a good grounding in the three Rs has halved in the space of a year.

Pedmore CE Primary in Stourbridge was the best performing school in Dudley, after every pupil who took the Key Stage 2 exams achieved Level 4 or above in English and maths.

### Funds plan for theatre

CAMPAIGNERS battling to save Dudley Hippodrome are launching a fundraising drive aimed to pull in more than £250,000 for their plans to reopen the theatre.

They hope people will sign up to the initiative which mirrors similar schemes used by Wolverhampton Grand Theatre and Birmingham Hippodrome.

Patrons will be able to sponsor seats in the 1,752-seater theatre or join up to become members, with benefits including ticket deals.

Spokesman Geoff Fitzpatrick said the group would become a charitable trust. He said no payments would be made until their plans have the go-ahead.

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# Artwork aims to brighten things up

A decorated shop front has been unveiled in Halesowen as part of an art scheme to improve the image of empty units.

Black Country artist Luke Perry was behind the artwork at the corner of Long Lane and Nimmings Road, Shell Corner. It is the first in a series of pieces planned to spruce up empty shop fronts in the borough and comes after Dudley Council received £52,623 from the Govern-

ment's £3million Empty Shop fund to brighten up its shopping areas.

Halesowen councillor Jeff Hill said: "The idea is to make the area look more welcoming. It's not a substitute for having businesses operating in there, of course, but the hope is it will make Shell Corner a brighter place to shop."

In February, Dudley Council's cabinet agreed to allocate £10,000 of the Government funding to each of

the four main town centres and £790 to each of the 16 district and local centres in the borough.

This £790 has then been match-funded by area committee allocations to make a total of £1,580 for the smaller centres, including Shell Corner.

Mayor of Dudley Councillor Melvyn Mottram had the honour of unveiling the artwork at the weekend. It says Welcome to Shell Corner

and features an image of an artillery shell, similar to one which was previously there.

"This is the first of several pieces of artwork and I look forward to seeing how they will all fit together to make this area even more welcoming," said Councillor Hill.

He added: "Residents have been pleased to see the restoration work taking place. Now we're looking forward to seeing the other art."

# Extra places on trains as track works to start

AROUND 10,000 extra seats on trains are being made available this weekend as work shuts the line between Stafford, the Black Country and London.

Chiltern Railways is offering the extra seats because Virgin Trains will only run an hourly service from London Euston to Nuneaton and Coventry on Sunday and Christmas Eve.

The Birmingham to Scotland service will continue as usual. Passengers wanting to go between Stafford, Wolverhampton and Sandwell and Dudley will have to get off at Coventry and change trains.

Trains will still run in and out of Wolverhampton and throughout the Black Country so Virgin said its passengers will not be expected to use replacement buses.

However, Virgin is recommending its customers get off the train in Birmingham, walk to Moor Street station and use its rival Chiltern Railways' line to go to London Marylebone instead.

## Spending

The weekend work heralds the start of extensive maintenance over the Christmas period.

Network Rail is spending £125 million on signalling work at Bletchley near Milton Keynes.

Over Christmas the company will be bringing the new system into operation, closing an old signal box and moving control to Rugby.

Chiltern spokesman Emma Gascoigne said: "Chiltern Railways are providing over 10,000 additional seats for passengers travelling on December 23 and 24."

"On Christmas Eve the company is advising customers to carefully check their last train time home."

"The last train leaving London Marylebone going to Stourbridge Junction will be at 8.15pm and the last train leaving Birmingham Snow Hill to London Marylebone will also be at 8.15pm."

Charlie's sister and cousin have also been updating followers, known as Charlie's Army.

Charlie has started the Aurora Kinase treatment, a drug which is administered over 72 hours every 21 days via intravenous infusion.

The drug is intended to inhibit cancer growth by blocking the enzymes which cause cancer cells to grow.

His mother Fiona said: "If this goes well it would give a partial remission."

Charlie Harris-Beard, aged two, of Kidderminster is being cared for by staff at Birmingham Children's Hospital after receiving the trial drug and also under-going chemotherapy.

The treatment is giving his newly-married parents fresh hope.

His family were told doctors in this country had no cure for his condition.

But in an update to well-wishers on the family's Facebook page, his mother Fiona, revealed he had finished the first round of treatment, she said: "Now it's just a long wait to see if it's worked the magic we so desperately need."

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## Reindeer stars of zoo show



Trainee keeper Jo Turner with one of the reindeer on show at Dudley Zoo

DUDLEY Zoo is holding daily talks and feeding sessions for Santa's reindeer with daily through to the New Year.

Every weekend and weekday during the Christmas school holidays, there will be talks at 11.15am and 12.45pm at the reindeer paddock, which is located alongside the site's vintage airlift on the Zoo's upper level. Presenters will also be showcasing antlers dropped by alpha male deer, Hail,

during his annual moulting season. This year the zoo has a Jack and the Beanstalk-themed grotto complete with a UV beanstalk as part of Santa's Magical Winter Wonderland. It has inspired staff at the site to grow their own beans. They planted seedlings and have been watching them grow in the run-up to Christmas. The Winter Wonderland runs at the attraction through until Christmas Eve.

# Third of borough have no gradings

ALMOST a third of people living in Dudley have no formal qualifications, according to the latest Government figures.

Thirty per cent of people aged 16 and over have no qualifications - which puts the borough among the highest numbers in the country.

Figures in the 2011 Census show that Dudley has the 26th highest figure - while in the rest of the Black Country, it is even worse.

In total, 312,925 lived in Dudley when the survey was conducted.

Of those, 75,980 people had not passed any formal examinations.

Sandwell has the second highest number without qualifications, with a total of 85,040.

Walsall ranked as seventh and Wolverhampton at 19th.

Wyre Forest has 22,579 people without formal qualifications.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin said: "This underlines the need to make education and skills our number one priority."

## Fire chief's cuts fears

A FIRE chief in the Black Country has warned that cuts to the service may continue for at least another five years.

Dudley operations commander Andy Grosvenor said, while the worst of the cuts to the service were expected during the next two years, the tough times were not likely to be over then. He said: "We believe there will be further cuts through to at least 2017 and we don't know what the service will look like then."

About a third of the fire service's funds come from council tax.

## Council Twitter

RESIDENTS and businesses can now raise issues with Dudley Council customer services directly with the launch of a new Twitter link.

The staff in Castle Street, Dudley, deal with more than 400,000 queries a year. Dudley Council Plus is now on Twitter at @DudleyPlus

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## Theatre plans to be a trust

CAMPAIGNERS battling to save Dudley Hippodrome have said the organisation would become a charitable trust upon sealing a deal to keep the theatre open.

The Friends of Dudley Hippodrome group spokesman Geoff Fitzpatrick said it would then run the theatre as a community charity to promote the arts while also taking over day-to-day running of the venue, in Castle Hill, Dudley.

Fundraising options being considered include a sponsor a seat scheme where members pay £250 either in one amount or spread over payments.

They would be an inscribed plaque placed on each chair bearing the sponsor's name.

Campaigners say this scheme would partly help offset the costs of installing new seats, thought to be around £143 each.

People could become friends of Dudley Hippodrome for £100 a year, which would qualify for gift aid should the organisation become a charity. Campaigners plan to hold a fundraising gig at JB's nightclub, neighbouring the theatre in Castle Hill, on January 25.

## Free shuttle bus laid on

A FREE shuttle bus service has been launched for shoppers visiting Dudley's Merry Hill Centre in the run-up to Christmas.

It will run on December 22 and 23 from the Waterfront. It comes as the centre introduces extending opening hours giving people the chance to shop until midnight all next week.

Merry Hill bosses say the bus service will help to make it easier for people to visit the centre.

The shuttle bus runs from 9am until 8pm on Saturdays and from 11am until 5pm on Sundays. Shoppers should follow the Santa signs as they drive in.

## Accident ruling

A VERDICT of accidental death has been recorded on a Kidderminster cyclist, who was in a crash with a lorry in the town's Stourport Road.

Arthur William Bough, aged 78, of Woodward Road, died due to shock and haemorrhage, an inquest in Stourport heard.

# Tributes as music man Bob dies, aged 74



Bob Nash who ran Modern Music for 35 years

Retired Dudley music shop owner Bob Nash, who is credited with keeping the likes of Led Zeppelin, Slade and Roy Wood on the road, has died aged 74.

Mr Nash ran Modern Music, opposite the Hippodrome in Castle Hill, Dudley, for 35 years, supplying hundreds of local bands and musicians with equipment and a repair service. Robert Plant and John Bonham, of Led Zeppelin, Noddy Holder and his crew from Slade, and Wizzard's Roy Wood were all regular customers at the height of their fame.

The grandfather, who retired and closed the shop about eight years ago, collapsed and died at his home in Love Lane, Oldswinford, on December 8.

Friend and former customer Alan Cleo, who was guitarist with the 1960s Wolverhampton band Finders Keepers, said: "Bob, along with his business partner, guitarist extraordinaire Jack McKechnie, supplied hundreds of musicians with equipment and a repair service second to none."

"The likes of super stars Slade,

Robert Plant, John Bonham and Roy Wood, and many more, all depended on Bob for keeping them on the road, even during the height of their fame."

Bob's late father, Jimmy Nash, used to be manager of Stanton's music shop in Dudley town centre, and Jack McKechnie went to work there after retiring from the Hedley Ward Trio. Mr McKechnie used to demonstrate the guitars sold there and, after getting to know Mr Nash, the pair decided to set up in partnership with Modern Music. Mr Cleo

said: "Bob and Jack used to sell guitars, keyboards and other instruments and both became engineers, doing repairs to amplifiers and selling spares. In those days if something went wrong with a Shure microphone you had to send it off to the USA to be repaired."

"But Bob and Jack got a licence to stock the microphone cartridges so were able to repair mics for people all over the country." Bob leaves his wife, Val, children, Tim and Emma, and grandchildren, Oliver, Eleanor and Henry.

# Football coach father dies after fall from attic at home

TRIBUTES have been paid to a popular youth team football coach who has died aged 36 after falling in his Dudley home.

Father-of-two Darren Owen, who managed Stourbridge Football Club Under-11s, was hailed for his work with the youngsters. Neighbours said they believed Mr Owen fell while collecting Christmas decorations from the loft in his

by Alex Ross



Darren Owen

home. He died in Russells Hall Hospital on December 8 due to head injuries.

He leaves behind his wife Becky and two children Luke, who plays for the club, and Joe.

Mrs Owen said she was too upset to talk and was "struggling to get my head together" following her husband's death.

Stourbridge Football Club director Andy Bullingham said the club had been in contact with the family.

The club cancelled the next game as a mark of respect. He said: "We know he fell from his attic and was found by his wife."

"Paramedics were called and he was put on a ventilator, but died in hospital."

Under 11s assistant manager Peter Thompson said: "I don't think anyone can quite yet believe what has happened. Darren was a great man."

The side's administrator Simon Westwood also paid tribute.

He said: "All of our thoughts and prayers are with Darren's family, Becky, Luke and Joe, at this tragic time. Darren was a great manager but most importantly a great person."

"Darren was not in football for self gain, he was in it foremost for the kids."

He added: "We would like to thank all the people and other clubs, managers and coaches who have passed their condolences."

Black Country corner Robin Balmain opened an inquest into his death last week. It was adjourned for investigation.

## Young can have a say

A NEW online survey allows residents of Wyre Forest - aged between 11 and 18 - to have their say. The YouthPoint survey is being carried out by Worcestershire County Council.

YouthPoint has the backing of the Worcestershire Youth Cabinet, which has helped with the design of the consultation. Schools have been invited to support YouthPoint by encouraging their pupils to complete the survey online, either by doing it in their own time or as part of Citizenship and PSHE curriculum lessons.

Visit [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/youthpoint2012](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/youthpoint2012).



The pupils visit engineering firm Eaton Automotive Fluids, Thorns Road, Brierley Hill

## Children look to engineer a future

YOUNGSTERS from a Quarry Bank school spent a day learning the skills of an engineer with a visit to a local company.

Brierley Hill automotive supplier Eaton Automotive is hosting 90 children, aged seven to nine, from Mount Pleasant Primary School over the next few months to give the children a flavour of working at and engineering company.

Steve Harratt from City of Wolverhampton College's Polymer Training and Innovation Centre in Telford, said the children will see the machines in action and find out about the processes and how many of a car's components are manufactured using technology.

Mr Harratt said: "It was a real pleasure to work with these youngsters who were excellent ambassadors for their school."

Factory manager Mark Wale said the event was part of the business's Eaton Blue Weeks where they work with the local community.

## NEWS in brief

### £13,000 raised to build playground

SCHOOL chums of tragic Owen Jeremy have raised £13,000 for an adventure playground as a memorial to the sporty youngster.

The eight-year-old, of Primrose Hill, Wordsley, died suddenly hours after an asthma attack at school in May. On the day he had the attack he had earned his 50m swimming badge. He also enjoyed football and tennis. Owen's mother, Rowena Jeremy, said: "The plan is to officially open it on March 1, which would have been Owen's ninth birthday."

### Charity appeals for more stock

A KIDDERMINSTER charity has issued an urgent appeal for stock for its new donations and furniture centre.

Kemp Hospice has opened the base in Lisle Avenue where it will be selling second-hand and renovated furniture.

People can also drop off donations at the centre. Items other than furniture can be donated at any of Kemps four shops, in Load Street, Bewdley; Oxford Street, Kidderminster; Warbler Place, Spennells and Tan Lane, Stourport.

### Loco in secret tests on SVR

A VERY old locomotive with a special role in London Underground's 150th birthday has been tested on the Severn Valley Railway.

The 1896 Metropolitan Railway steam locomotive, named Met 1, is set to be the curtain raiser at London's Moorgate Station on the January 13 celebrations. In the build-up the locomotive was in Kidderminster.

### Comet staff lost as stores closed

MORE than a dozen staff lost their jobs when Comet closed its Kidderminster store on Saturday.

A total of 15 full and part-time workers lost their jobs at the Crossley Retail Park branch.

Another 20 were axed at the Oldbury Green Retail Park store. The chain faces complete shutdown before Christmas.

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## NEWS

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RHODES

LET me start by wishing all the readers (even the awkward-squad ones) a merry Christmas and a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

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THE little boys and girls slaughtered in the Connecticut school massacre were human sacrifices on the altar of America's obsession with guns. The US Constitution allows its citizens to possess weapons in order that an efficient militia can be maintained – in other words to let the people fight off foreign invaders. The reality is that no American citizen has fired a shot at a foreign invader in the US mainland for 200 years. Yet over the past two centuries gun-toting Americans have killed hundreds of thousands of their fellow Americans. They will continue to do so until they realise that in a modern democracy having lethal weapons in the home is not a civil right, nor a guarantee of liberty but the mark of the beast.

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YET America is a democracy. If it had the political will it could introduce gun control tomorrow. It chooses not to do so. We can only conclude, with some horror, that it considers the occasional slaughter of its children to be a price worth paying for the right to keep an assault rifle in the bedroom. And the truly terrible thing is that some of those whose own children have died in the endless succession of massacres believe that, too.

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IT USED to be said, in the days of music halls, that the Devil had all the best tunes. At this time of year, as the air fills with much-loved carols, it may seem the Almighty has all the best tunes. And then I went to a carol service where the choir sang two hits from The Muppet Christmas Carol (1992), Thankful Heart and It Feels Like Christmas. Believe me, The Muppets have all the best tunes.

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**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

# Caveman Karl steps in to help victim of attack

HE may have looked like he had just stepped out of the Flintstones but Karl Stephenson was a Good Samaritan in disguise.

Dressed as a caveman with an inflatable club, he rushed to the aid of man being beaten up in Stourbridge. His surprising appearance helped to scare the attackers away enabling him to get help for the victim.

## Deadline on waste

A WASTE management firm has been given seven more months to clear a rubbish mound in Dudley following a ruling by the High Court.

Refuse Derived Fuel Ltd (RDF) must clear all rubbish and baled waste from its site in Moor Street, Brierley Hill, by July 10.

The waste was as high as 40ft in August last year, with neighbours claiming it blighted the area. It has now been reduced to around 25ft. Under the ruling, the front of the site must be cleared by March 29. There has to then be a full clearance by the July date.

At the High Court hearing in Birmingham last week, Mrs Justice Swift issued the order, which has been drawn up by the Environment Agency. Speaking to Dan White, who represents the company and director Robert McNaughton, she said the company must take every effort to comply.

The 30-year-old tree surgeon from Hagley was last week caught on CCTV in the High Street which was released by police to track down the attackers.

The footage showed the victim being pushed to the ground before his attacker rains blows on his face and continues to kick him in the head.

Mr Stephenson said he had been at The Mitre Inn in Lower High Street with friends on October 27.

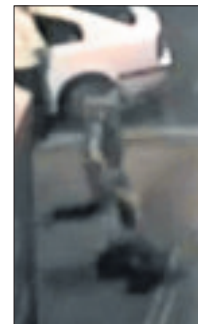
They had decided to wear fancy dress because it was almost Halloween – and he opted to dress up as a dead caveman. The group left the pub at around 1.30am on Sunday, and that was when as Mr Stephenson saw the attack.

"There were three men attacking him. I wanted them to stop so I went over and asked them what they were doing. One of the three dragged the man who was attacking him away.

"One of my friends then called the police and ambulance to help the injured man."



Karl Stephenson who came to the aid of a man who was being attacked while dressed as a caveman



CCTV shows the victim on the ground



Karl dressed as a cave man intervenes

## Doctors tweet to send A&E message

DOCTORS took to social networking to give a real-time snapshot of the cases seen by accident and emergency staff at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital.

They tweeted throughout the day providing a glimpse behind the scenes of the department.

Staff wanted to highlight the types of injuries and conditions which should be treated at a GP surgery or a walk-in centre.

People with sore throats, headaches and back pain and also a patient with a burst blister were among those turning up at the department.

It was part of a campaign aimed at reducing the number of people unnecessarily going to hospital for treatment.

Mr Rajan Paw, medical head of service for emergency medicine, said: "We've seen people with sore throats for over a week or headaches for two or three days. They could have seen a GP."

## Views on booze

PEOPLE in the Wyre Forest district are being invited to take part in a survey about alcohol.

Anyone interested in taking part in the "it's time to talk about drinking" survey, organised by Worcestershire County Council, can do so at [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/talkdrink](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/talkdrink).

# Christmas

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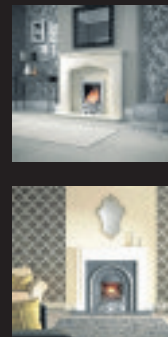
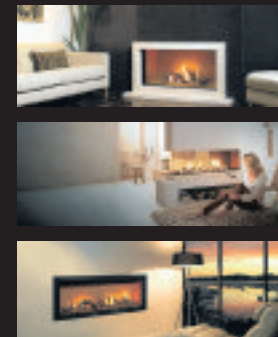
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## Site given scientific protection

A SITE near Dudley town centre could be given special protection as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

Natural England is consulting owners and others interested at the nature reserve of Barrow Hill and Tansey Green.

Michelle Hawkins, of Natural England, said: "Barrow Hill and Tansey green have been designated as a SSSI because they are of special interest due to their exceptional geological features."

"The Tansey Green section is also internationally important for the presence of the oldest anatomically preserved conifers found to date."

Barrow Hill is already a local nature reserve used by the public and this would not change.

"Barrow Hill's well-known volcanic features are already maintained and protected exceptionally well by Dudley Council but the Tansey Green site is owned by a local developer and is private land, and therefore public access can only be granted with the owner's permission," she added.

## Musical event

KIDDERMINSTER Choral Society will stage its gala Christmas concert at Kidderminster town hall at 7pm on December 22.

The event will feature Wyre Forest Young Voices and Holborne Brass. See: [www.kidderminsterchoral-society.co.uk](http://www.kidderminsterchoral-society.co.uk)

# Ballot boxes ready for the people to have a say on tax

**BALLOT boxes have been rolled out across Dudley borough to encourage residents to have their say in a debate about whether they would prefer extra taxes – or cuts in services.**

Dudley Council is carrying out its biggest ever consultation to answer questions on the issue. Ballot boxes and survey forms have now been placed in libraries, leisure centres and park activity centres right across the borough.

Residents are being given the options of a weekly rise of 43p (2 per cent), 75p (3.5 per cent) and £1 (4.6 per cent).

## GPs to take over budgets

GPs in Dudley have been given the go-ahead to take over responsibility for managing the borough's £400 million health care budget next financial year.

They will decide how the money is spent and buy patient services such as hospital care and physiotherapy.

This is currently the role the primary care trust known as NHS Dudley, but will be handed over to the new Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) in April.

The group is among 33 across the country to be granted the new powers by the independent NHS Commissioning Board. Others include NHS Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG.

Dudley CCG chairman Dr David Hegarty said: "The last few months working in shadow form has given clinicians in Dudley the opportunity to work together to genuinely make a difference to the way local services are provided."

Sir David Nicholson, chief executive of the NHS Commissioning Board, said creation of CCGs will have real benefits for patients. The Dudley CCG is made of 52 practices and manages a budget in excess of £400m.

The council says that, if council tax does not increase from next April, £29 million savings will be needed, on top of the £30 million cuts over the last two years.

People taking part in the survey can also indicate which services they most want to protect, including refuse and recycling collections, child protection and older people's services.

Councillor Pete Lowe, cabinet member for finance, said: "This consultation is about listening to local people and we want to make it as easy as possible for people to have their say."

### Delivers

"The ballot boxes are now in around 30 sites and we hope people will take a couple of minutes to take part."

"Dudley Council delivers more than 800 services to local people and the scale of the choice and the tough decisions before us can not be underestimated."

"We feel it's vital to embark on a widespread public consultation."

The consultation survey features a table which shows the impact various council tax options could have on different services. As well as the leaflet forms with the ballot boxes, the consultation can be done online at [dudley.gov.uk](http://dudley.gov.uk) or at the council's Dudley borough Facebook page or via twitter @dudleymbc. Consultation will run to the end of February.

## Shoe-ing their festive spirit



Pupils at King Charles I School have taken part in the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal which sends out presents to those less fortunate

KIDDERMINSTER school pupils have been collecting toiletries and essentials for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal.

Every year students at King Charles I School help needy people around the world. Assistant headteacher Stuart Arch said: "The appeal sits well within the Active Citi-

zenship curriculum which is promoted across the school.

"It is an opportunity for students to make links with children around the world. Students from years 7 to 13 took part, increasing the total by 60 per cent on last year, and there was a competitive buzz around the school."

## NEWS in brief

### Fitness teacher gets £5,000 grant

A KINGSWINFORD fitness teacher has earned a £5,000 award to help set up a website to help older people in the Black Country to get fitter.

Tina Lloyd, aged 35, of Crestwood Park, who runs exercise classes in Wolverhampton, is director of a social enterprise company called Fit4Life.

She aims to launch the Connect4 project.

Fit4Life has now won a "Digital Heroes" award from telephone and broadband company TalkTalk, with the prize of a £5,000 technology grant.

### Scheme to keep people in warmth

A SCHEME to ensure residents in Dudley stay warm during winter has been launched.

The programme, run by the council with NHS Dudley and local charities, provides practical support, information and expert advice. Anyone concerned about keeping their home warm can call the helpline on 01384 817086.

### Political comedy coming to town

POLITICAL activist and comedian Mark Thomas will bring his award-winning show Bravo Figaro to Stourbridge.

The performance, about his father, who has progressive supranuclear palsy, and how Mark put on an opera for him in his bungalow, will be at Stourbridge Town Hall on February 15.



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## NEWS

# Sweet success for Kim as she cooks up business

A CAKE shop in the Midlands is enjoying the sweet taste of success after celebrating an "amazing" first year in business.

Kimmy Loves Cake marked its anniversary by dishing out free goodies to customers at the shop in Load Street.

Owner Kimberley Bennett, aged 26, said the past 12 months had gone well for the fledgling business.

Until this time last year she had been selling cakes from her home, on Dowles Road, Bewdley, alongside her day job as a forensic analyst.

She decided to ditch her job, which had seen her working on mobile phone tracking cases including that of Soham murderer Ian Huntley, to pursue her passion for business.

She said: "Within two years I had got to the top of my career. It was really interesting work but I'm the type that always needs a challenge, so I decided to start my own business. I always knew I wanted a shop of my own."

"It's a difficult market and it's a tricky time to be opening any business, especially as an independent - but the last 12 months have been amazing."

Now Ms Bennett, who runs the shop with just one helper, is hoping to take on new staff in the New Year. She said: "I'd love to expand the business too but we're waiting for the right opportunity."

## Thieves steal jewellery

THIEVES broke into a Kidderminster house and stole nearly £6,000 of jewellery.

They also took two laptops, gold and silver rings, bracelets and chains.

They struck at the property in St John's Avenue between 8.15am and 2pm on December 7.

Among the items taken was a Cartier silver band ring and a ladies Cartier watch with a silver strap and white square face. Anyone with information about the burglary can contact Pc Bartlett on 101, quoting incident 387-S-071212.



Kimberley Bennett, owner of Kimmy Loves Cake, which is situated in Bewdley, who has celebrated an "amazing" first year in business

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## LETTERS

## Osborne needs to learn his ABC

GEORGE Osborne's Autumn Statement not only illustrates the government's reluctance to really tax the wealthy, it also reveals the extent of damage this Coalition Government is doing to our economy.

They continue to claim that our present situation is due to the previous government, but the facts tell a different story that puts Britain's position into perspective.

This government claims to be promoting British industry, yet headlines in the press that Britain's debt could be larger than that of Greece certainly doesn't help to improve confidence in

our economy. Such claims are clearly intended to maintain the image that it is all the fault of the previous government, but they undermine our recovery. The most important factor is not the amount that we owe, but the ratio between the debt and our GDP. Right up to the global banking crisis, the ratio between debt and GDP was 44 per cent. It's now about 78 per cent. That sounds like a lot, but compared to most of the 20th century it is quite small.

The difference between Britain and Greece is that our economy is much bigger and more resilient, having the ability to claw back the deficit by

increasing GDP. In fact, in terms of GDP to deficit ratio, Britain has the second strongest economy in Europe, only fractionally worse than that of Germany, despite the ratio having continually risen under this government.

In that context, continuation of austerity measures is detrimental to recovery. Every job lost, every full time post replaced by part time work reduces our GDP thus increasing the ratio of debt. It is surely now time for Plan "B", but it seems that Osborne hasn't yet got that far in learning the alphabet.

M CLIFF  
Wall Heath

## Mobility scooters are often a necessity

I MUST respond to Mrs. Starkey's letter - "Not a big fan of the mobility scooters".

She obviously has no experience of people who genuinely have mobility problems and need assistance to get around.

I am fortunate enough to not have to use a scooter but know people who use them, and they are not just using them for a thrill.

Mobility scooters are imperative for people who cannot walk, for whatever reason, to be independent and not have to rely on others. As Mrs. Starkey proves, not everyone in this season of goodwill is open to thinking of others and doing what they can to help. Her thoughtless comments are no laughing matter.

Mind how you go now, Mrs. Starkey and lets hope that in the future you do not need help to get around.

MRS. JEAVONS,  
Kingswinford

## LETTERS to the Editor

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## Differences in bus drivers' attitudes

ON Tuesday, December 11 my wife and I decided to get the number 1 bus from Dudley to Tettenhall Wood, just to see where it went.

As we were in the area of the bottom of the Inhedge in Wolverhampton Street, we went to the nearest bus stop. A No.1 single decker bus was at the stop as we approached it, and when we got to within a few feet of it, my wife put her arm out to indicate to the driver that we wanted to get on the bus. (I cannot walk so fast as her as I have arthritis and use a walking stick). The driver just closed his doors and drove off.

Returning from Tettenhall Wood, we broke our journey in Wolverhampton and went for coffee at our favourite coffee bar - Coffee Moments in the Mander Centre. After refreshments, we resumed our return journey to Dudley and got on to a Green Bus route number 558. The driver of this bus saw a disabled person obviously rushing to get to the bus stop in the Gornal area and stopped to allow him to get on the bus some yards before his intended stop.

The driver of the No. 1 bus must be able to identify himself. Shame on you friend.

PETER COLE, Chelford Crescent, Kingswinford

## Brought up in a time of rationing

I WAS born in 1940, a hard time for all, with WWII raging, and spent the 40s and early 50s having a hard but enjoyable childhood.

Virtually everything was rationed from fuel to clothes and basic foods to sweets.

At Christmas we kids were lucky to get an apple, an orange, a few nuts and maybe a few sweets. A really special gift was maybe a new pair of shoes, or hand-me-downs. But it was a relief to throw away the old ones, with the cardboard soles.

Fast forward to 2012, and yes, kids still have an apple, but it's an Apple computer or iPod, iPad, tablet, whatever. They still have an orange, but it's probably a £300 mobile phone. So you kids had better hope we never return to the 1940s and 50s, but start to appreciate it all. A merry Christmas to you all.

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Wednesday 26 December, 2012	Sunday 30 December, 2012
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## NEWS

# Tributes to tireless Kath after 30 years of helping

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Kathleen Brophy

Mrs Brophy, who worked tirelessly,

"She was a great advocate of the hospital. Her commitment was tremendous. She was very determined and when she set her mind on something nothing could deter her," he said.

"She will be remembered as the lady with a smile. She had a very warm disposition. People going into the reception at the hospital said she was a nice, reassuring face to welcome them."

He added Mrs Brophy was a keen gardener and enjoyed getting involved with the League of Friends' plant sales. Violet Danks, who runs the group's charity shop on Bewdley Road and worked with Mrs Brophy, said: "She was an absolutely great person."

## Lemurs surround Santa



Father Christmas was obviously delighted to see 10 lemurs a-leaping during an early visit to the West Midland Safari Park

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A special trail, called Walking with Lemurs, has opened for the first time this winter at the attraction and Father Christmas decided to check out the flamboyant behav-

iour of the Madagascan ring-tailed creatures.

The lemurs live in the Park's woodland walk area and it wasn't long before Santa was mobbed by 10 of the lemurs. Santa Safari is on offer to visitors to the park every day up to Christmas Eve. Call the ticket hotline of 01299 400700.

## Families without cars

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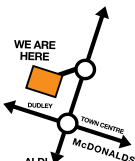
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The racing car Toodles V at Brooklands, where it broke eight world records



Where the work took place – the Sunbeam racing car workshop in 1922

# Days when Sunbeam raced ahead in Grand Prix stakes

*by Alec Brew*

FOR more than 60 years Britain has dominated Grand Prix manufacturing, but it was not always thus.

In the early days it was French cars which led the way, and, in the days before the World Championship, it was winning the French Grand Prix which was recognised as the pinnacle of motor-racing achievement.

The first British car to win the French Grand Prix, in 1923, was made right here in Wolverhampton, in Sunbeam's Blakenhall factory, but it's designer was a Frenchman, Louis Coatalen.

He was a Breton, born on September 11, 1879, and worked for a number of French car manufacturers before arriving in England in 1900 to work for the Crowden Company, and then becoming chief engineer at Hillman in Coventry.

In 1909 he was recruited by the Sunbeam Motor Car Co in Blakenhall, to be their chief engineer, and immediately planned to enter motor-racing. He began designing purpose-built racing cars, which led to the first major triumph, a win in the 1912 Coupe de l'Auto in Dieppe. Sunbeams coming 1st, 2nd and 3rd,

eclipsing and astonishing the major European manufacturers.

In 1912 Coatalen also designed his first aero-engine a 150hp side valve V8, followed by a 225 hp V12, which he first tested in a specially-built racing car named Toodles V

In October 1913, this car, at Brooklands, broke eight world endurance speed records in a hour and a half. There is no doubt that Coatalen was a talented, even brilliant engineer, but he was not afraid of copying others.

## Devious

During 1913 Peugeot cars with twin overhead camshafts swept the board in three litre racing, and by some devious means one of these found its way to the drawing room of Coatalen's home, Waverley House on Goldthorn Hill. Here, Sunbeam mechanics stripped it down to discover its secrets, and for 1914 Sunbeam also featured twin overhead camshafts, as did the new aero-engines he designed at the start of the War.

engines during the War and also built more than 600 aircraft, including just one of its own design the single-engine Sunbeam Bomber.

All the engines were officially called Sunbeam-Coatalen engines, but after the War they were rather eclipsed by Rolls-Royce and Napier designs.

Coatalen turned to his great ambition, to win the French Grand Prix. The Sunbeam company merged with Darraq and Talbot and Coatalen became a Director of the resulting STD Motors.

In 1923 a Sunbeam finally won the French Grand Prix, driven by Henry Seagrave, and would have won the following year but for technical problems. Coatalen also produced three different cars to break the World Land Speed Record but Sunbeam began to experience financial difficulties, and in 1934 closed down.

By that time Louis Coatalen had returned to his native France, though he had taken British citizenship. He lived there through the War and died in 1962. He had brought great fame to the Sunbeam company, and to Wolverhampton, his adopted home for over 20 years.



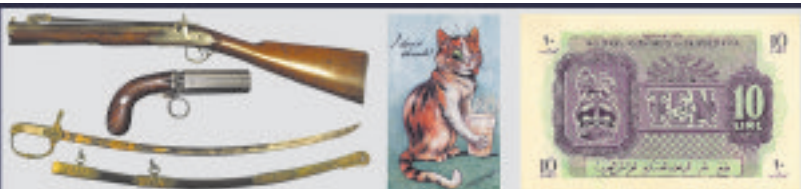
**Louis Coatalen** , then aged 33, in 1912



Coatalen, centre, examining the Sunbeam Bomber in 1917 at the airfield in Castle Bromwich

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Clive recalls his first dental nightmare: Stationed at Malta, the Royal Navy man suddenly had raging toothache. "I'd been drinking to dull the pain but as soon as I was back on board the duty dentists was summoned. He'd been drinking too

and when he injected me broke off the needle in my gum. That was me finished with dentists." In recent years Clive had four denture relines to help the stability issues, but none provided a long-term solution.

Clive decided to have implant-retained dentures. He was referred by Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS(Eng), whose Denture Clinic is based at North Street, Dudley, and in Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton, to implantologist Mr Jonathon Pugh BDS MSc. Mr Pugh carried out the surgery and the prosthetics were hand-crafted by Mr Burchell.

Since having the implant-retained dentures, Clive has been able to bite into crispy apples and indulge himself with pork crackling. "It's the best money I've ever spent and it's been a real boost. I was dreading having it done, but I can honestly say I felt no pain at all," he says.

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## Plans for town's ancient sites are given go-ahead

PLANS to rebuild a deteriorating 19th century barn in Dudley's medieval quarter have been given the go-ahead.

A nearby former municipal mortuary, yard canopy and workshop will also be knocked down as part of the redevelopment project in the town's historic Court Passage. The scheme was approved by Dudley Council's planning committee last week. Spending £64,000, the council will rebuild three of the barn's three walls and reduce its height.

The footprint of the building will be retained to provide a reminder of the site's history.

There had been concerns about the building's poor state of repair and officers feared it was in danger of collapse.

The adjoining former mortuary will be

demolished to make way for car parking for new offices being built in the Holloway Chambers and Elizabeth House Buildings.

A total of 11 car parking spaces will be created under the plans.

Court Passage is in the town's conservation area and dates back to medieval times, once providing back lanes to nearby properties for deliveries and access to stables. The mortuary was used at the beginning of the 20th century.

Chairman of the planning committee Councillor Rachel Harris welcomed the redevelopment work.

"We have a long and worthy-of-preservation industrial past but it's important for us to have a working town centres and have buildings people want to let."

## Brickworks scheme approved

PLANS for more than 100 new homes, a craft village and nursing home on the site of a historic former brickworks on the Dudley-South Staffordshire border can go ahead after the Government gave the green light.

David Wilson Homes and Weinberger have been granted outline planning permission for the development at Bagbridge Brickworks in Gospel End, Sedgley.

The developers had appealed to the Planning Inspectorate against South Staffordshire Council's decision to refuse their application earlier this year. Councillors had argued the development would be too large for the

village but developers say it would boost the area's economy and attract new visitors.

A planning inquiry was held last month, and now the scheme, which includes 140 homes, 12 craft workshops, a 60-bedroom nursing home and new road access from the A463, has been approved after a planning inspector ruled it was an appropriate development.

### Association

The decision signals the end of the site's long association with brickmaking which stretches back to the 1930s. During the inquiry, the hearing was told the plans go against the Black Country Core Strategy, which lays out guidelines for major building projects in the region.

But the applicants said there was a

"clear need" for new houses and a nursing home in the area.

Announcing his decision to allow the appeal, planning inspector John Papworth said the scheme would enable a previously developed site to be reused and would remove derelict buildings and land.

He said the project would include the retention of the brickworks chimney to retain "a visual reminder of the site's history". Mr Papworth said the scheme would bring many benefits such as affordable housing, care home beds and new employment benefits.

But the chairman of South Staffordshire Council's regulatory committee Councillor Brian Cox said: "We're obviously disappointed the inspector has concluded the development would provide substantial benefits."

## Volunteers given boost

VOLUNTEER lifesavers have been boosted by a £5,000 grant from the charitable trust of a renowned musician and composer.

The Paul Farrer Charitable Trust has awarded the cash to Worcester & Malvern Community First Responders.

Mr Farrer, who has provided many soundtracks for TV, film and radio, said: "My charitable trust is in awe of the hard work done by the community first responders across the country."

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## Paws for thoughts about hungry cats



Becky Cash and Amy Burkitt make an appeal for food gifts helped by cat Meeko

GENEROUS animal lovers are rallying to provide a Christmas dinner for abandoned pets.

The Rosewood Animal Hospital, Mason Street, Cosely, has mounted an appeal for food, blankets and bedding to cope with the expected flood of creatures taken in by local charities over the festive season.

"Sadly, around Christmas time a lot of people kick pets, including dogs and cats, out on to the streets because they can't afford to feed them," said Becky Cash, veterinary nurse at Rosewood.

"So every year we appeal to local people to donate whatever they can."

## Man caught growing second batch of drug

A MAN has grown a second batch of cannabis plants because he believed an earlier crop had been stolen by burglars - when in fact it had been seized by police.

Officers found 28 cannabis plants in the loft of Brian Walker's Dudley home during a police raid. They also found a full hydroponic system to grow the drug.

They took the items away and Walker, who was missing from the property, was listed as "wanted".

Then nearly three months later one of the officers returned to the house in Edward Street and found another 17 cannabis plants.

Walker, 41, was arrested and revealed he got another crop going after assuming he had been burgled. Judge Michael Dudley sentenced him on the basis he had not been aware police had been to his home. Father-of-three Walker admitted producing cannabis.

He was given an eight-month jail term suspended for a year and ordered to do 120 hours unpaid work.

Mr Malcolm Fowler, defending, told Wolverhampton Crown Court his client simply did not know police had been to his home.



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## REVIEWS

# Phinn's Christmas crackers



Gervase Phinn

## A Yuletide Evening With Gervase Phinn Town Hall, Birmingham

THE Rotherham raconteur was back in Brum for one of his seasonal specials with what is a seemingly endless stream of stories, poems and observations of children, school life and the world in general.

His first offering was a poem inspired by school children's letters to a teacher on sick leave, where their attempts to comfort her through comparison with her temporary replacement, innocently ended up telling her how much the children were enjoying her absence.

Phinn regaled his audience with the innocent honesty of a young boy who

told the former Ofsted inspector, "When I am 21, you'll probably be dead."

This set the standard for further nativity-themed treats such as the tale of the Messianic baby Tammy which spoke with an American accent at the most inappropriate times and eventually ending up as the headless Jesus.

Then there was the Yorkshire lad, complete with tea towel headress who asked "Ave you any room int th'inn?" and the unfortunately named youngster Tequila who simply explained "Our crib is crap."

Phinn brought in tales of his own idyllic childhood and sentimental poetry about his mom with When You Thought I Wasn't Looking. He recalled

his own nativity disaster where he played a palm tree complete with brown crepe paper bark which soon deteriorated due to a call of nature. He had to exit stage left in his electric blue underpants carrying his paper mache coconuts.

The audience lapped up tales such as how the mayor of Rotherham's visit to a nativity play was thwarted by the Virgin Mary having nits.

Phinn also tipped in the odd bit of proselytising about the importance of teachers and the interference of government in education but also got a little preachy especially in the second, and pretty short, half of his set about the true meaning of Christmas.

**Danny Farragher**

# Carnival of music which created the festive spirit

## Carols & Capers with Maddy Prior and The Carnival Band Town Hall, Birmingham

If you want one show that will lift your spirits and put you in the right mood for Christmas then Maddy Prior and The Carnival Band provide it with an eclectic mix of traditional carols and musical styles that are an absolute delight.

Celebrating their 25th year Maddy and The Band used almost every instrument you could think of and some you probably couldn't. After the introduction from The Band, Maddy opened with the wonderful Il Dulci Jubilo, a gentle carol with her soft voice accentuated by the recorders deep rich tones. The Band was here to have fun and their enthusiasm spilled over into the almost

packed hall. The audience lapped up a trilogy of bird songs about an owl, a thrush, a crow, a crane and a resurrected roast chicken.

This opened with the playful use of the bassoon with Maddy even throwing in some Morris dancing before moving on.

Maddy then took a backseat at The Band played Romanian dances from their Around the World album which brought in some fantastic fiddle playing. To finish the half the group went out on the Pearl & Dean theme.

With the full Carnival Choir adding a new dimension to the already wondrous sound of the musicians, Maddy and The Band threw in traditional and moving carols. The music and singing was so infectious even the devil himself would have been looking forward to the Nativity by the end. **Danny Farragher**

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	<b>Bruce and Tess get ready for the Strictly Dancing final, 7pm</b>		<b>The Mystery of Edwin Drood, psychological thriller</b>		<b>Slade's Merry Christmas Everybody is in the running, 8pm</b>		<b>Four Christmases with Reese Witherspoon and Robert Duval</b>		<b>Patrick Stewart stars in A Christmas Carol, 8.10pm</b>	
	6.00 <b>Breakfast</b> A round-up of national and international news, plus sports reports, weather forecasts and arts and entertainment features. Including <b>NewsWatch</b> at 7.45. (C) 10.00 <b>Saturday Kitchen Live</b> James Martin is joined by chefs and celebrity guests for the cookery show, also featuring highlights from the BBC archives and wine choices for the dishes prepared in the studio. (C) 11.30 <b>TBA 12.00 BBC News: Regional News and Weather</b> (C) 12.15 <b>Football Focus</b> Dan Walker previews the weekend's action. (C) 1.00 <b>Live Equestrian</b> The Olympia International Horse Show. Clare Balding presents coverage of the sixth day of the event at the Olympia Grand Hall in London, featuring the World Cup show jumping event. (C) 4.30 <b>Final Score</b> Gabby Logan presents a round-up of this afternoon's results from the Premier League, Football League and Scotland. (C) 5.20 <b>BBC News: Regional News and Weather</b> (C) 5.40 <b>A Question of Sport</b> Light-hearted quiz, hosted by Sue Barker. (C)		6.00 <b>CBeebies</b> 7.05 <b>CBBC</b> 12.00 <b>FILM: Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas</b> (1993) The Pumpkin King of Halloween town tries to bring scary and decides to take over Christmas. Stop-motion animated fantasy, with the voices of Chris Sarandon and Catherine O'Hara. (C) 1.10 <b>FILM: The Sword in the Stone</b> (1963) The wizard Merlin takes the future King Arthur under his wing and teaches him the ways of the world. Disney animated adventure, with the voices of Ricky Sorenson and Karl Swenson. (C) 2.30 <b>Nigelissima - An Italian Inspired Christmas</b> Niella Lawson prepares dishes for a Christmas party with an Italian twist, including Parmesan short-breads and turkey breast stuffed with sausage and marsala-steamed cranberries. (C) 3.30 <b>FILM: The Game Plan</b> (2007) An American football star learns he has a daughter and struggles to cope with balancing fatherhood and his sporting career. Family comedy, with Dwayne Johnson and Madison Pettis. (C) HH 5.15 <b>The Toys That Made Christmas</b> Robert Webb takes a light-hearted look back at Christmas past through the toys people played with and loved over the years, including Fuzzy-Felt, Spirograph, Barbie and Meccano. (C) (R)		5.30 <b>ITV Morning News</b> (T) 6.00 <b>CITV 9.25 ITV News</b> (T) 9.30 <b>The Jeremy Kyle Show USA</b> The host takes his successful talk-show stateside. (T) 11.20 <b>Murder, She Wrote</b> Jessica tries to ascertain whether four sisters are guilty of killing their wealthy father to benefit from a \$100million inheritance. Drama, starring Angela Lansbury. (T) 12.20 <b>ITV News and Weather</b> . (T) 12.35 <b>Holiday Home Sweet Home</b> Lisa Faulkner visits Cornwall, where she receives a lesson in how to market holiday properties, and there is a look at award-winning self-catering cottages in Devon. (T) 2.35 <b>Stepin' Out with Katherine Jenkins</b> A cabaret show with the classical singer and star guests. (T) 3.50 <b>You've Been Framed!</b> Harry Hill narrates more camcorder calamities and viewers' mobile-phone footage, including a beagle's battle with a dishwasher and a teenager taking on a praying mantis. (T) 4.20 <b>Central News and Weather</b> . (T) 4.50 <b>FILM: Back to the Future Part III</b> (1990) Sci-fi comedy sequel, starring Michael J Fox. (T)		6.05 <b>Sai Mali</b> Jackdaw helps Sai Mali when she gets the flu. (T) (R) 6.10 <b>The Hoobs</b> The friends visit Peep gardens. (T) (R) 6.35 <b>The Hoobs</b> The friends visit Peep gardens. (T) (R) 7.00 <b>The Endmor Arch to Arc Triathlon</b> 7.30 <b>TBA 7.55 The Morning Line</b> (T) 8.55 <b>T4: Everybody Loves Raymond</b> Part one of two. Marie surprises the family. (T) (R) 9.30 <b>T4: Fraser</b> Roz asks Fraser to narrate a documentary. (T) (R) 10.00 <b>FILM: T4: Space Chimps</b> (2008) Premiere. Animated sci-fi comedy, with the voice of Andy Samberg. (T) HH 11.45 <b>T4: The Big Bang Theory</b> Priya asks Leonard to spend less time with Penny. (T) (R) 12.10 <b>T4: The Big Bang Theory</b> Sheldon's online gaming account is hacked. (T) (R) 12.40 <b>T4: The Simpsons</b> Homer becomes head of the local Mafia. (T) (R) 1.15 <b>T4: The Simpsons</b> Bart becomes a jazz drummer. (T) (R) 1.45 <b>Channel 4 Racing</b> (T) 3.50 <b>Come Dine with Me: Celebrity Christmas Special</b> (T) (R) 4.20 <b>Come Dine with Me: Celebrity Christmas Special</b> Former Big Brother contestant Nick Bateman hosts the second dinner party. (T) (R) 4.50 <b>Come Dine with Me: Celebrity Christmas Special</b> (T) (R) 5.20 <b>Come Dine with Me: Celebrity Christmas Special</b> (T) (R) 5.55 <b>Come Dine with Me: Celebrity Christmas Special</b> (T) (R)		6.00 <b>Milkshake!</b> 10.00 <b>TBA</b> 10.05 <b>Dallas</b> Updated version of the soap, following the glamorous lives and vicious feuds of Texas oil dynasty the Ewings. Starring Josh Henderson and Jesse Metcalfe. (T) (R) 11.00 <b>Once Upon a Time</b> Fantasy drama, starring Jennifer Morrison. (T) (R) 12.00 <b>Once Upon a Time</b> A second helping of the fantasy drama. Regina steps up her efforts to get Emma out of town. (T) (R) 12.55 <b>FILM: Crazy for Christmas</b> (2005) Family drama, starring Andrea Roth. (T) HH 2.45 <b>FILM: Dear Santa</b> (2011) Premiere. Romantic comedy, starring Amy Acker and David Haydn-Jones. HH 4.35 <b>FILM: I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus</b> (2002) Family comedy featuring the classic song I saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus, with stars including Connie Sellecca.	
	6.10 <b>Pointless Celebrities</b> Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present as famous faces take part in the general knowledge quiz. (C) 7.00 <b>Strictly Come Dancing - The Final</b> Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly present the eagerly anticipated final, the climax of a series that has seen slips, trips, a flying bicycle and even dancing on the judges' table. There has also been plenty of bickering between the feisty foursome. Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcey Bussell, while the celebrities faced their demons on the dance floor to tackle a range of ballroom and Latin routines. Tonight will be no less daunting, with the show dance offering each of the three couples the chance to include lifts, tricks and signature moves in a bid to win over the public. (C) 8.15 <b>Merlin</b> In the penultimate episode, Morgana prepares to wage war on Camelot, while Merlin finds the burden of his destiny weighing heavy as the ancient prophecies play out with unerring accuracy. It soon becomes clear that the young wizard must find a way to save himself before he can help his allies bring about the salvation of his beloved kingdom. Colin Morgan, Bradley James and Katie McGrath star. (C) 9.00 <b>The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws</b> The all-important numbers. (C) 9.10 <b>Strictly Come Dancing: The Results</b> The celebrities return to the ballroom one last time, and following an elimination just two couples remain to battle it out for the glitterball trophy. While the votes are counted, all this year's contestants take to the dance floor for a final routine, and as the tension mounts, the names of the 2012 champions are revealed. (C) 10.10 <b>BBC News: Weather</b> (C) 10.30 <b>Match of the Day</b> Gabby Logan is joined by Alan Hansen to present highlights of today's Premier League clashes, including Manchester City v Reading at the Etihad Stadium and Wigan Athletic v Arsenal at the DW Stadium. Plus, Liverpool v Fulham, Newcastle United v Queens Park Rangers, Southampton v Sunderland, Tottenham Hotspur v Stoke City, West Bromwich Albion v Norwich City and West Ham United v Everton. (C)		6.40 <b>Porridge</b> Barrowclough and Mackay discover Fletch is cooking up some home brew, and the crafty con seems certain to spend Christmas in solitary confinement. Festive edition of the classic comedy from 1976, starring Ronnie Barker and Richard Beckinsale. (C) (R) 7.30 <b>TOTP2 Christmas 2012</b> (C) 9.00 <b>Never Mind the Buzzcocks Xmas Special</b> Another round of the comedy music quiz. (C) 9.30 <b>The Mystery of Edwin Drood</b> Psychological thriller based on Charles Dickens' unfinished final novel. Chormaster John Jasper is a troubled man, frustrated by his life in the claustrophobic cathedral town of Cloisterham, addicted to opium as he seeks to expand his horizons and obsessed with the 17-year-old Rosa. The only thing standing between him and the girl is his own nephew, Edwin Drood. Matthew Rhys, Tamzin Merchant and Freddie Fox star in the first of this two-part adaptation. (C) (R) 10.30 <b>The Mystery of Edwin Drood</b> Psychological drama. Jasper awakes in the gatehouse and to his horror sees the black scarf wound tightly round his hands, reminding him of the murderous events of the night before. Despite his feelings of guilt, as the weeks pass he seeks solace in his passion for Rosa But - but as he begins to reach for his prize, the Rev Crisparkle and Bazzard are following a trail of evidence to the cathedral crypt that may yet seal the choirmaster's fate. Conclusion of the period thriller based on Charles Dickens' unfinished final novel, starring Matthew Rhys and Tamzin Merchant. (C) (R) 11.30 <b>The Story of Fairytale New York</b> The making of the classic Christmas song, recorded by Irish group The Pogues, and featuring British singer Kirsty MacColl, who tragically died in a swimming accident protecting her sons. The folk song, released originally in 1987, has become a perennial Christmas classic (C) (R)		7.00 <b>Paddy's 2012 Show and Telly</b> Paddy McGuinness hosts a celebrity quiz in which three pairs of familiar faces answer questions about the past year's dramas, documentaries, sporting moments, comedies and game shows. Strictly Come Dancing's Denise Van Outen and Nicky Byrne, newswriters Kate Garraway and Nicholas Owen, and Coronation Street's Antony Cotton (Sean Tully) and Chris Fountain (Tommy Duckworth) face a series of elimination rounds as they battle to win up to £20,000 for charity. (T) 8.00 <b>The Nation's Favourite Christmas Song</b> To mark the 70th anniversary of the release of the best-selling festive song of all time - Bing Crosby's <i>White Christmas</i> - this documentary counts down the top 20 tunes guaranteed to get people in the Christmas spirit, as voted for by the public. Featuring hits such as <i>Wizzard's I Wish It Could Be Christmas Every Day</i> , <i>Fairytale of New York</i> by the Pogues and <i>Kirsty MacColl's Slade's Merry Xmas Everybody</i> and <i>Mariah Carey's All I Want for Christmas Is You</i> , the programme tells the stories behind these ever-popular seasonal favourites, with contributions by Cliff Richard, John Lewis, Noddy Young, Aled Jones, Paddy Laker, Shane MacGowan, Greg Lake, Katherine Jenkins and many more. (T) 9.30 <b>The Jonathan Ross Show</b> The host presents a celebrity-packed festive edition of his chat show. Funnymen Michael McIntyre pulls a few Christmas crackers, Sienna Miller talks about her new BBC drama <i>The Girl, the Sheriff</i> and Smith has two TV shows to plug - <i>Mr Stink and Panto!</i> - and Jamie Oliver cooks up a few yuletide treats. Welsh songbird Charlotte Church provides the music, and Paralympics stars Ellie Simmonds and Jonnie Peacock are also in the studio. Plus, a performance by Slava's Snowshow. (T) 11.00 <b>ITV News and Weather</b> . (T) 11.15 <b>Terminator 2: Judgment Day</b> (1991) Sci-fi action adventure sequel, with Arnold Schwarzenegger. (T)		6.25 <b>The Snowman</b> Raymond Briggs' festive favourite, a wordless animated fantasy telling the story of a small boy whose snowman magically comes to life and whisks him off on the journey of a lifetime to the North Pole. (T) (R) 6.55 <b>TBA</b> 7.00 <b>Channel 4 News</b> Including sport and weather. (T) 7.25 <b>4thought.tv</b> A Muslim who campaigns to integrate Islamic values with British society calls on all members of the faith to respond to blasphemy in a rational and non-violent manner. (T) 7.30 <b>Stephen Fry: Gadget Man</b> Stephen has a look at technology for the health and fitness market, testing the latest gym gadgets and receiving a makeover from former <i>Towie</i> star Amy Childs, who uses some weird and wonderful beauty devices. Other gadgets on the show include an app that predicts how long people will live, a hi-tech treadmill and a device that claims to make people lose weight in just 30 minutes. Stephen also attempts to build the ultimate running machine that will enable him to race against double Olympic champion Kelly Holmes. (T) 8.00 <b>My Big Fat Gypsy Christmas</b> One-off special following the Irish travelling community during the festive season, featuring their Yuletide preparations for 2010, as well as two typically extravagant weddings and a First Communion ceremony. Celebrity Big Brother winner Paddy Doherty and his wife Roseanne also invite the cameras into their Salford home on Christmas Day, and the film introduces new families to the viewers. (T) (R) 9.00 <b>Four Christmases</b> (2008) Premiere. A couple, both of whom's parents are divorced, have always managed to avoid family Christmases by travelling overseas. However, when their flight is cancelled, all four parents insist they spend the day with them - forcing them to get through four family Christmases on the same day. Comedy, starring Vince Vaughn and Reese Witherspoon. (T) 10.45 <b>Die Hard 2</b> (1990) Tough cop John McClane arrives at an airport to pick up his wife but finds himself plunged into a bloody life-or-death struggle. Action thriller sequel, starring Bruce Willis, Bonnie Bedelia, William Sadler, Franco Nero and William Atherton. (T)		6.20 <b>Mrs Miracle 2: Miracle in Manhattan</b> (2010) The kindly Mrs Merkle takes a job in the toy section of a financially struggling department store. She helps the down-trodden manager to enjoy a happy Christmas for once by making a success of the business and finding love. Family drama sequel, starring Doris Roberts, Eric Johnson, Jewel Stalte and Lauren Holly. (T) 8.05 <b>5 News Weekend</b> Round-up of the day's headlines from around the world. (T) 8.10 <b>A Christmas Carol</b> (1999) Miserly Ebenezer Scrooge loathes the Christmas season until, late one night, he is visited by a series of ghosts who intend to change his attitude by showing him visions of his past, his present and the fate that will await him if he continues with his cold-hearted behaviour. An excellent adaptation of Dickens' classic tale, with an imposing Patrick Stewart, magnificent Richard E Grant, Joel Grey, Ian McNeice, Saskia Reeves, Tim Potter and Desmond Barritt. (T) 10.00 <b>An Audience with Ken Dodd</b> Comedy and entertainment from Knotty Ash's favourite funnymen, and a man who is particularly fond of Shropshire. This comedian never knows when to stop and regularly overruns his performances as he did recording this. In a programme originally aired in 1994 to mark his 40th year in showbusiness. Among the celebrity and appreciative audience helping him celebrate are the late Irish comic Frank Carson, Paul Daniels, Jane Horrocks, Belinda Lang, Carol Vorderman, Warren Mitchell and Kevin Whately. The show is condensed into two hours - when Dodd takes to the stage for his legendary live stand-up act, it goes on much longer. (T) (R)	
	12.00 <b>The Football League Show</b> Action from today's games. (C) 1.15 <b>Weather</b> (C) 1.20 <b>Sign Zone: Rolling Stones: Crossfire Hurricane</b> Part one of two. Profile of the veteran rock band. (C) (R) 2.20 <b>Sign Zone: Rolling Stones: Crossfire Hurricane</b> Continuing on the documentary charting the 30-year career of the band. (C) (R) 3.20 <b>Sign Zone: Nigelissima - An Italian Inspired Christmas</b> Niella Lawson prepares festive dishes with an Italian twist. (C) (R) 4.20 <b>BBC News</b> 4.20 <b>BBC News</b> 4.30 <b>Click</b> 5.00 <b>BBC News</b> 5.30 <b>Brazil</b> : Welcoming the World. (C)		12.25 <b>QI</b> David Tennant, Bill Bailey and Lee Mack join regular columnist Alan Davies to answer questions with a groovy theme, with points awarded for the answers host Stephen Fry finds most interesting. (C) (R) 12.55 <b>Never Mind the Buzzcocks</b> A look back at some of the highlights of the latest series of the comedy quiz, in which team captains Noel Fielding and Phill Jupitus were joined by guest hosts including Lee Mack, Kathy Burke, Richard Ayoade, Nick Grimshaw, Ne-Yo, Example and Jack Whitehall. Last in the series. (C) (R) 1.25 <b>FILM: Film TBA</b> 3.25 <b>Close</b>		1.45 <b>Jackpot247</b> Viewers are offered the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with an entertaining mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. Featuring a variety of prizes and promotions. 3.15 <b>In Plain Sight</b> Mary protects a pair of brothers - one of whom develops a gambling addiction. Mary McCormack stars. (T) (R) 4.05 <b>ITV Nightvision</b> Text-based information service.		1.00 <b>FILM: Rare Exports: A Christmas Tale</b> (2010) Premiere. Comedy horror starring Onni Tommila. (English Subtitles) 2.25 <b>Hollyoaks Omnibus</b> . Cheryl doubts where Ste's affections truly lie, and Texas worries her big secret might be exposed as Dodger and Sienna spend more time together. (T) 4.30 <b>90210</b> Annie is forced to make a decision that could expose her work as an escort when Dixon gets arrested in connection with a fire. Adriana and Silver try to put their past behind them, and Vanessa organises a concert by rock band the All-American Rejects to relaunch Liam's bar. (T) 5.10 <b>Sailing With Mario</b> Andrei. (T)		12.00 <b>SuperCasino</b> Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. 4.00 <b>Michaela's Wild Challenge</b> Michaela learns about meerkats. (T) (R) 4.25 <b>Great Artists</b> Profile of Tiziano Vecellio, known as Titian. (T) (R) 4.50 <b>Rough Guide to Eco Escapes</b> Morocco, Kenya and Nicaragua. (T) (R) 5.05 <b>Hana's Helpline</b> Gendine the giraffe struggles to share her best friend. (T) (R) 5.15 <b>The Milkshake! Show</b> The housemaster by rock band the All-American Rejects to relaunch Liam's bar. (T) 5.10 <b>Roary the Racing Car</b> Maxi becomes afraid of racing. (T) (R)	

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## DECEMBER 23

## CHRISTMAS TV

### BBC1



Can Villa striker Benteke bring down the Blues?

6.00 Breakfast News, sport and entertainment reports. (C) 7.30 Match of the Day Gabby Logan presents highlights of yesterday's Premier League clashes, including Manchester City v Reading at the Etihad Stadium and Wigan Athletic v Arsenal at the DW Stadium. (C) (R) 9.00 David Suchet: In the Footsteps of St Paul Part one of two. The actor tracks the man who brought Christianity to the masses. (C) 10.00 The Nativity Retelling of the biblical story, starring Andrew Buchan and Tatiana Maslany. (C) (R) 11.00 Fern Britton Meets Dionne Warwick The singer discusses her life. Last in the series. (C) 12.00 BBC News: Weather. (C) 12.10 Countryfile Matt Baker and Julia Bradbury visit an RSPB reserve in Norfolk. (C) (R) 1.05 TBA 1.55 FILM: Cool Runnings (1993) Fact-based comedy about four Jamaicans who became the first bobsleigh team to compete for their country at the 1988 Winter Olympics. Starring John Candy, Leon and Doug E Doug. (C) HHH 3.30 The Borrowers Fantasy adventure, starring Stephen Fry and Christopher Eccleston. (C) (R) 4.55 Songs of Praise David Grant presents carols by candlelight. (C) 5.30 Nigel Slater's 12 Tastes of Christmas Part two of two. Centrepieces, sweet treats and making clever use of leftovers. (C) (R)

### BBC2



Sarah Millican Television Programme Xmas 2012

6.00 CBeebies 6.45 CBBC 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites James Martin presents highlights of the series, recalling his favourite moments from the past year in the kitchen. (C) 11.30 The Great British Bake Off Christmas Masterclass Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood demonstrate how to make a number of festive favourites, including mince pies and Christmas pudding, as well as new recipes for tasty treats. (C) (R) 12.30 FILM: The Preacher's Wife (1996) Romantic fantasy remake, starring Whitney Houston and Denzel Washington. (C) HH 2.30 Escape to the Country People search for their ideal rural retreats. (C) (R) 3.15 Coast The team visits locations around the British shoreline, telling stories and investigating mysteries that have played an important role in the nation's heritage. (C) (R) 3.30 Film 11 People are invited to try to make money by selling their antiques at auction. (C) (R) 4.30 FILM: First Knight (1995) A wandering swordsman is made a knight at King Arthur's court, where he falls in love with the monarch's queen. Adventure, starring Richard Gere, Sean Connery and Julia Ormond. (C)

### ITV1



Vintage Carry On comedy in the Wild West, 1.45pm

6.00 CITY 9.25 There's No Taste Like Home Gino D'Acampo travels to Ciltreth in Lancashire, where he helps three home cooks prepare their family recipes for a Turkish chicken dish, fish pie and French veal. (T) 10.20 Dinner Date Ken from Worcester takes part in the matchmaking show, choosing three blind dates from five potential partners, based entirely on menus they have created. (T) (R) 11.20 All Star Family Fortunes Singer Suzanne Shaw takes on Coronation Street's William Roache. (T) (R) 12.05 ITV News and Weather. (T) 12.15 Columbo 1.45 FILM: Carry On Cowboy (1966) A timid English sanitation expert is mistakenly made sheriff of a lawless Wild West town plagued by notorious outlaw the Rumpo Kid. Comedy Western, starring Jim Dale and Sid James. (T) 3.30 FILM: Twins (1988) Genetically designed twin brothers who were separated at birth set out on an adventure in search of their long-lost mother. Comedy, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny DeVito. (T) 5.30 You've Been Framed! Comedian Harry Hill narrates a selection of camcorder calamities and viewers' mobile phone footage. (T) (R)

### Channel 4



Damian Lewis stars in Homeland on at 9pm

6.05 The Hoobs The friends visit Peep gardens. (T) (R) 6.30 The Hoobs Iver wants to ride in a police car. (T) (R) 6.55 TBA 7.25 TBA 7.50 TBA 7.55 The Bear A large furry bear arrives from the zoo to take up temporary residence with a little girl and her parents. Heart-warming children's animation from the pen of Raymond Briggs. (T) (R) 8.25 Frasier Niles and Frasier try to help their old school. (T) (R) 9.00 Frasier Niles spoils Frasier's new radio show. (T) (R) 9.30 Xmas Sunday Brunch Festive edition. Guests include The Gypsy Queens. (T) 12.00 The Big Bang Theory Amy and Sheldon start a gossip experiment. (T) (R) 12.30 The Big Bang Theory Priya finds a loophole in the room-mate agreement. (T) (R) 1.00 The Simpsons Marge starts a carpentry business, but quickly learns she will need more than mere skill if her venture is to succeed. Keeping her cash for a holiday in the future. (T) (R) 1.30 Kirstie's Vintage Christmas Kirstie Allsopp shows how to add the perfect festive touches. (T) (R) 2.30 Deal or No Deal Game show, with Noel Edmonds. (T) 3.30 100 Greatest Toys with Jonathan Ross A countdown of the nation's favourite games and playthings. (T) (R)

### Channel 5



Billy Bob Thornton is Bad Santa, on at 9pm

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 TBA 10.15 Dallas JR secretly moves the Southfork deal along, but becomes suspicious of John Ross's relationship with the Del Solis, while Rebecca suggests Christopher should cancel their honeymoon. (T) (R) 11.15 Once Upon a Time Prince Charming is ambushed by feisty thief Snow White. (T) (R) 12.15 Once Upon a Time Cinderella regrets making a deal with Rumpelstiltskin. (T) (R) 1.15 FILM: The Santa Suit (2010) Comedy, starring Kevin Sorbo. HH 3.50 FILM: It's a Very Merry Muppet Christmas Movie (2002) Festive comedy, with Joan Cusack and Whoopi Goldberg. HH 4.45 FILM: The Family Man (2000) Drama, starring Nicolas Cage. HH

Early View

6.00 BBC News: Regional News and Weather (C)

6.30 Countryfile Matt Baker and Julia Bradbury bring us the latest rural developments, including reports on issues affecting country communities and insights into the life of the modern farmer. Including Weather for the Week Ahead. (C) 7.30 Antiques Roadshow Fiona Bruce presents a look back at the most important and talked-about finds from the most recent series, including highlights from the programmes themselves, as well as updates on the items, whether they went to auction, were kept or were lent to exhibitions. (C)

8.30 Loving Miss Hatto Drama about classical pianist Joyce Hatto, written by Victoria Wood. The story begins in early-1950s London, when she met her future husband William Barrington-Coupe, and tells their love story right up until 50 years later. With his wife stricken by cancer, record producer William released other musicians' work under her name, which became known as one of the biggest music frauds ever. Francesca Annis and Alfred Molina are among the cast. (C)

10.00 BBC News: Regional News and Weather (C)

10.25 Match of the Day 2 Mark Chapman is joined by Alan Shearer and Dion Dublin to present highlights of today's Premier League fixtures, which were Swansea City v Manchester United at the Liberty Stadium and Chelsea v Aston Villa at Stamford Bridge. United earned a 1-0 win in last season's corresponding fixture against the Swans, while the Blues suffered a shock 3-1 home defeat at the hands of the Villans last term, an outcome that the visitors will have been desperate to emulate to aid them in their fight against relegation. Plus, all the goals from yesterday's fixtures. (C)

11.25 The Graham Norton Show With movie legend Dustin Hoffman, comedy double-act Billy Connolly and Jennifer Saunders and the current Doctor Who star Matt Smith. (C) (R)

6.35 The Morecambe and Wise Christmas Show Festive fun from 1973 with the ever-popular comedy duo and guests Vanessa Redgrave, Hannah Gordon, Rudolf Nureyev, Laurence Olivier and Andre Previn, all proving they are game for a laugh. Comic highlights include what is probably the couple's most famous sketch, which takes place in Eric and Ernie's bedroom. (C) (R)

7.35 Victoria Wood with All the Trimmings The comedienne sends up Christmas TV in a festive special from 2000. Guest stars including Julie Walters, Alan Rickman, Pete Postlethwaite, Celia Imrie, James Bolam, Della Smith, Richard E Grant, Derek Jacobi, Alan Titchmarsh, Michael Parkinson and Imelda Staunton pop up in pastiches of everything from a big-band show from the 1950s to a Dickens period drama. (C) (R)

8.30 Morecambe & Wise: Song & Dance Sketches More classic clowning from the legendary double act who have been a Christmas institution for decades (C)

9.30 James May's Toy Stories: Flight Club The Top Gear presenter investigates the enduring appeal of the model aeroplane and sets out with the intention of achieving the first flight across the Channel by an engineless, homemade superpowered toy breaking the British distance record in the process. During his quest, James turns Indiana Jones to unearth surprising new evidence identifying children as the true pioneers of flight and wrestles with an underperforming craft that threatens to barely leave the ground. (C)

10.30 The Sarah Millican Television Programme Xmas 2012 The award-winning comedienne hosts a special Christmas edition of her show, in which she delivers short stand-up routines inspired by festive TV. Sarah is joined by Downton Abbey star Hugh Bonneville and Shane Richie of EastEnders for a spot of Yuletide conversation. (C)

11.00 Victoria Wood: As Seen on TV The comedienne reflects on her television career with a combination of sketches, stand-up and songs. (C) (R)

6.00 Central News and Weather. (T)

6.30 You've Been Framed! Comedian Harry Hill narrates a selection of camcorder calamities and viewers' mobile phone footage. (T) (R)

7.00 Ade's Christmas Crackers Comic Ade Edmondson delves deep into the television archives to share some broadcasting gems and moments of TV gold which have been broadcast over the past 60 years (T)

8.00 The Cube TV presenter Melvyn Sykes takes up to seven seemingly simple challenges inside the giant transparent box, aiming to win £250,000 for good causes. Diversity star Ashley Banjo also takes a shot at scooping the charity jackpot but will his £15 frame come in handy as the cube presents him with a series of fiendishly difficult tasks? The contestants both receive nine lives at the start, but with each one they lose, the pressure mounts. Phillip Schofield hosts. (T)

9.00 Doors Open Bored millionaire Mike Mackenzie is a man with a broken heart and too much time on his hands. Incensed by wealthy patrons hiding works of art away in private collections, he and two close friends - a professor and a banker - devise a plot to swap priceless masterpieces stored in a gallery's warehouse with near-perfect forgeries. If successful, Mike will save the paintings and might just win back the love of his life, auctioneer Laura Starliner, who left him five years earlier. Thriller based on the book by Ian Rankin, starring Douglas Henshall, Stephen Fry, Kenneth Colledge, Lenora Crichtlow and Brian McCreadie. (T)

11.00 ITV News and Weather; Weather. (T)

11.15 Fool Britannia Hidden-camera pranks, with Dom Joly poking fun at what it means to be British, with a string of eccentric pranks. (T) (R)

11.45 Premiership Rugby Union Action from the latest round of fixtures. (T)

6.30 Channel 4 News including a round-up of the day's sport and weather. (T)

6.55 4thought.tv John Holme talks about becoming a comedian and shares his belief that humans are born sinners. (T)

7.00 Night at the Museum (2006) A new nightwatchman at New York's Museum of Natural History discovers his job entails more than he bargained for. Once night falls, an ancient Egyptian spell brings the museum exhibits to life, entangling him in a riotous struggle to restore peace and order before the sun rises and visitors arrive. Fantasy comedy, starring Ben Stiller, Dick Van Dyke, Robin Williams, Carla Gugino and Ricky Gervais. (T)

9.00 Homeland US marine Nicholas Brody is rescued from captivity in Afghanistan, eight years after going missing in action. He returns home to a hero's welcome - but CIA agent Carrie Mathison believes there is more to his case than meets the eye, and suspects he is secretly working on behalf of a notorious terrorist. Thriller, starring Claire Danes, Damian Lewis, Morena Baccarin, Mandy Patinkin and David Harewood. (T)

10.00 Peep Show Comedy chronicling the rather chaotic friendship and private innermost thoughts of two misfits with an unhealthy reliance on one another. Robert Webb and David Mitchell star. (T)

10.30 Dorian Gray (2009) A naive Victorian man unthinkingly sells his soul for eternal youth, wishing that a portrait of him should age instead. His wish is granted and he is drawn into a life of debauchery by a hedonistic lord, while over the years, the painting becomes increasingly horrific as it reflects his corrupt true nature. Horror, based on Oscar Wilde's short story, starring Ben Barnes, Colin Firth and Ben Chaplin. (T)

7.00 5 News Weekend Round-up of the day's headlines across the UK and from around the world. (T)

7.05 Christmas with the Kranks (2004) A married couple from Chicago decide to steer clear of the usual festive celebrations and keep their cash for a holiday in the sun, prompting a busybody neighbour to call on the young and old members of the community to pull out all the stops to make them change their minds. Festive comedy that's a little disappointing when you consider the quality of the cast. Based on a novel by John Grisham, starring Jamie Lee Curtis, Tim Allen, Dan Aykroyd and M Emmet Walsh. (T)

9.00 Bad Santa (2003) A grumpy alcoholic safecracker takes a job as an in-store Father Christmas with a view to robbing his employers' premises - but a bullied kid, a Santa-loving barmad and an overzealous security guard look set to wreck his plans for an inside job. Thought-provoking black comedy, starring a great performance from a spot-on Billy Bob Thornton, Tony Cox, Brett Kelly, Lauren Graham, Bernie Mac and John Ritter. (T)

11.05 Superbad (2007) Teen comedy, starring Jonah Hill and Michael Cera. Two immature high school students, who have been almost inseparable best pals, are forced to deal with separation anxieties as their plans to host a booze-fuelled party go badly awry. (T)

Late View

12.10 FILM: Grumpy Old Men (1993) Comedy, starring Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau. (C) 1.50 Weatherview (C) 1.55 Sign Zone: Film 2012 Reviews of Jack Reacher, Pitch Perfect, Life of Pi and Midnight's Children. (C) (R) 2.25 Sign Zone: Hobby City Michael jeopardises his relationship with Ramona. (C) (R) 3.25 Sign Zone: Nigel Slater's 12 Tastes of Christmas Part one of two. Nigel creates a selection of festive dishes. (C) (R) 3.50 Sign Zone: Nigel Slater's 12 Tastes of Christmas Part two of two. Centrepieces, sweet treats and making clever use of leftovers. (C) (R) 4.20 BBC News 4.20 BBC News. 4.30 HARDtalk. 5.00 BBC News. 5.30 World Business Report. 5.45 BBC News. (C)

12.30 QI Stephen Fry presents the comedy quiz, with intuitive gaming from Brian Blessed, and comedians Sean Lock and Ross Noble joining regular Alan Davies to answer questions on the theme of ice. (C) (R) 1.00 FILM: Film TBA H 3.15 FILM: The Four Feathers (2002) Historical adventure, starring Heath Ledger. (C) HH 5.20 Close






12.45 Jackpot247 Viewers get the chance to participate in interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. 2.45 River Monsters Jeremy Wade heads to Thailand in search of the giant freshwater stingray, one of the world's largest and most terrifying river fish. Armed with a venomous 10in barb on the end of its whip-like tail, this 700lb predator tests the extreme anger to his physical limits, eventually snapping his rod and ripping his bicep. (T) (R) 3.45 ITV Nightscreen

12.30 C4 Comedy Presents: Them from That Thing. Part two of two. Sketches, with Blake Harrison and Morgana Robinson. (T) (R) 1.00 American Football Live A match from the NFL. (T) 4.45 Superannuity US The Froebrechts ask Jo Frost to help them control their children, whose behaviour has grown worse due to the stress of their grandmother coming to live with them. (T) 5.25 90210 Annie volunteers to organise a major charity event, hoping it will enable her to put her inheritance to good use. Naomi makes a risky bid to secure a client for her new business. (T) 5.35 FILM: Andre (1994) Family drama, starring Keith Carradine. (T) H

1.15 SuperCasino Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. 4.00 House Doctor A cluttered flat in Hammersmith. (T) (R) 4.25 House Doctor A country cottage in Northamptonshire. (T) (R) 4.50 Rough Guide To Antwerp, Dublin and Tel Aviv. (T) (R) 5.05 Hana's Helpline Katy the kitten hopes to become a musician. (T) (R) 5.15 The Milkshake! Show Shake tries to build a snowman. (T) (R) 5.40 Thomas & Friends Duncan transports a bell. (T) (R) 5.50 Roary the Racing Car Molecom wants to be more musical. (T) (R)



# CHRISTMAS EVE

	BBC1	BBC2	ITV1	Channel 4	Channel 5
Early View	 <b>Agnes finds herself facing her busiest Christmas ever, 10.10pm</b> 6.00 <b>Breakfast</b> Round-up of national and international news, plus the latest from the money markets. (C) 9.00 <b>David Suchet: In the Footsteps of St Paul</b> Part two of two. How Paul brought Christianity to the Mediterranean world. (C) 10.00 <b>The Nativity Conclusion</b> . Joseph still cannot accept Mary's pregnancy, but as the people turn against her, Joachim begs his son-in-law to take her to safety in Bethlehem. (C) (R) 11.00 <b>TBA 12.00 BBC News: Weather</b> (C) 12.25 <b>FILM: The Santa Clause</b> (1994) A divorced father accidentally kills Santa Claus on Christmas Eve and is forced to deliver the presents himself. Fantasy comedy, with Tim Allen, Judge Reinhold and Wendy Crewson. (C) 1.55 <b>FILM: The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian</b> (2008) The four Pevensie children return to the magical land of Narnia to help the rightful king reclaim his throne. Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Ben Barnes and William Moseley. (C) 4.10 <b>TBA 5.05 FILM: Lady and the Tramp</b> (1955) A poodle is driven from her home, and learns to live on the streets with the aid of a roguish star. Disney animated adventure, with the voices of Barbara Luddy and Larry Roberts. (C)	 <b>And it's Merry Christmas from them... The Two Ronnies</b> 6.00 <b>CBeebies 7.05 CBBC 9.00 FILM: Who Framed Roger Rabbit</b> (1988) Comedy mixing live action and animation, starring Bob Hoskins. (C) 10.35 <b>FILM: Christmas Snow</b> (1986) A miserly landlord throws a widow and her children out of their home, but finds he needs their help when he gets lost in a blizzard. Drama, with Sid Caesar and Katherine Helmond. (C) 11.20 <b>The Great British Bake Off</b> Cooks battle it out to be named Britain's best amateur baker. (C) 12.00 <b>FILM: Flight of the Navigator</b> (1988) Sci-fi adventure, starring Joey Graessle. (C) 1.45 <b>Wartime Farm Christmas</b> Rural life during the Christmas of 1944. (C) (R) 2.45 <b>Equestrian</b> The Olympia International Horse Show. Clare Balding presents action from the seventh and final day of the prestigious event at the Olympia Grand Hall in London. (C) 3.45 <b>FILM: Nativity!</b> (2009) A primary school teacher becomes a local celebrity when he dishonestly claims Hollywood is interested in his nativity play. Comedy, starring Martin Freeman and Ashley Jensen. (C) (R) 5.25 <b>Dad's Army</b> Frazer is unable to hide his delight when Captain Mainwaring's respectable brother gateratches a sherry party for local dignitaries. Classic comedy, starring Arthur Lowe. (C) (R)	 <b>Jim Carrey is The Grinch in this film fantasy at 4.45pm</b> 5.30 <b>ITV Morning News</b> (T) 6.00 <b>CITV</b> (T) 8.15 <b>FILM: Scooby-Doo and the Cyber Chase</b> (2001) The curious quartet are transported inside a video game, and must battle their way out through puzzles and mazes. Animated adventure, with the voices of Bob Bergen and Scott Innes. (C) (R) 9.25 <b>FILM: Dennis</b> (1993) A well-meaning little boy's inability to stay out of trouble consistently infuriates his curmudgeonly old neighbour. Slapstick comedy, starring Walter Matthau and Mason Gamble. (C) 11.10 <b>Dinner Date</b> Matchmaking show in which contestants choose three blind dates based entirely on menus created by five potential partners. (T) 12.10 <b>ITV News and Weather</b> (T) 12.30 <b>The Chase</b> Bradley Walsh presents as four contestants answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to take on ruthless quiz genius the Chaser and secure a cash prize. (T) (R) 1.30 <b>Doc Martin</b> Comedy drama, starring Martin Clunes. (T) (R) 3.30 <b>Rod Stewart's Christmas</b> The rock star performs festive songs at Stirling Castle. (T) (R)	 <b>The Snowman and the Snowdog, animated film at 7pm</b> 7.25 <b>Famous Fred</b> Animation about a singing cat, with the voice of Lenny Henry. (T) (R) 7.55 <b>TBA 8.00 Ivor the Invisible Children's</b> animation. (T) (R) 8.30 <b>FILM: Christmas Carol: The Movie</b> (2001) Animated drama, with the voices of Simon Callow and Kate Winslet. (T) (R) 10.05 <b>The Big Bang Theory</b> Amy and Penny use Bernadette to spy on Leonard and Priya. (T) (R) 10.35 <b>The Big Bang Theory</b> Howard tells his mother he is engaged to Bernadette. (T) (R) 11.05 <b>The Simpsons</b> Lisa becomes a Buddhist. (T) (R) 11.35 <b>The Simpsons</b> Bart is caught shoplifting. (T) (R) 12.10 <b>FILM: The Muppet Christmas Carol</b> (1992) Puppet comedy, starring Michael Caine. (T) 1.50 <b>FILM: Scrooged</b> (1988) Christmas comedy, starring Bill Murray. (T) 3.45 <b>Deal or No Deal</b> Big Christmas Dinner Noel Edmonds hosts a seasonal edition of the game show. (T) 4.45 <b>The Simpsons</b> Halloween-inspired tales. (T) (R) 5.15 <b>The Simpsons</b> With the guest voice of Kiefer Sutherland. (T) (R) 5.45 <b>Channel 4 News</b> Including sport and weather. (T) 5.55 <b>4thought.tv</b> Members of the public reflect on religious issues. (T)	 <b>The Queen at Cosford as part of her Jubilee Tour, at 8pm</b> 6.00 <b>Milkspeak</b> 9.45 <b>TBA 9.50 Dallas</b> decides to move back to Southfork – but a dark cloud looms on the horizon as the Ewings' old adversary Cliff Barnes makes an unwelcome return. (T) (R) 10.45 <b>TBA 11.45 Once Upon a Time</b> The mine collapses, trapping Henry and Archie inside. (T) (R) 12.40 <b>Once Upon a Time</b> Prince Charming is slain by an opponent after tournament. (T) (R) 1.40 <b>FILM: Mistletoe Over Manhattan</b> (2011) Christmas fantasy, starring Tricia Helfer and Gerard Bryk. (T) 3.30 <b>FILM: Lost Holiday: The Jim and Suzanne Shemwell Story</b> (2001) Fact-based drama, starring David Walliams and James Gertz. (T) 5.15 <b>FILM: Scroogie</b> A Christmas Carol (1951) Charles Dickens' fantasy, starring Alastair Sims. (R) DHHH
	6.20 <b>BBC News: Weather</b> (C) 6.35 <b>Midlands Today: Weather</b> (C) 6.45 <b>A Christmas Carol</b> (2009) Premiere. A four-tempered Victorian miser who hates the festive season is visited on Christmas Eve by a series of ghosts. The spirits intend to make him mend his wicked ways by showing him visions of the past, the present and what the future will hold for him if he does not change for the better.	6.05 <b>Carols from King's</b> The solo chorister singing the opening verse of Once in Royal David's City from the Chapel of King's College, Cambridge, marks the beginning of Christmas for millions of people around the world. Carols from King's tells the Christmas story through readings from the King James Bible and poems by Rainer Maria Rilke, William Austin and Laurie Lee. The world-famous King's College Choir, under the direction of Stephen Cleobury, sings carols including Ding Dong Merrily on High, Away in a Manger, The Holly and the Ivy, God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, We Three Kings, In the Bleak Midwinter, Silent Night and Hark! The Herald Angels Sing. (C)	4.45 <b>The Grinch</b> (2000) A grouchy creature plots to ruin Christmas and seasonal goodwill for the Whoville town residents. Fantasy comedy, based on Dr Seuss' book, starring Jim Carrey and Taylor Momsen. (T)	6.00 <b>Hollyoaks</b> Barney tells Rob about his secret arrangement with Nana McQueen, unaware his admission has been overheard, and is worried to discover he may be on Santa Claus's naughty list – so he heads to the North Pole in a bid to redeem himself. (T) (R)	7.00 <b>Rolf's Animal Christmas</b> Rolf Harris revisits some of the most memorable stories of the year from Rolf's Animal Clinic, a series that saw animals of all shapes and sizes receiving vital and often life-saving treatment. This festive special reveals how some of the patients fared after they returned home to their grateful owners – following medical attention at the University of Liverpool's School of Veterinary Science campus at Leahurst in Cheshire. 5 News Update (T)
Prime Time	8.15 <b>Merlin</b> As a fierce battle rages on Camelot's mighty plain, just as the prophecies forewarn, Merlin must find the strength to overcome his greatest challenge yet as he seeks a way to protect Camelot. As he fights to save the kingdom from the attacking hordes and keep Arthur safe from harm, the young wizard must finally come face to face with his destiny. The last-ever episode of the magical adventure series. (C)	7.20 <b>Dragons' Den Christmas Special</b> For the first time the Den opens its doors purely for commerce at Christmas, with nine entrepreneurs representing six businesses descend the stairs to pitch their festive ideas in the hope of securing a cash injection from the five multimillionaires. Alongside normal proceedings, there will be insights into the approach to take during the seasonal trading period as well as the pitfalls that can come with success. There is also a catch up with a few of the entrepreneurs – some who succeeded in gaining the Dragons' support and others who did not – to find out whether they hit it big this year. Evan Davis presents. (C)	6.45 <b>ITV News and Weather</b> (T) 7.00 <b>Emmerdale</b> Cameron takes drastic steps to deal with his hostage after a chase through the woods, while Priya gives David his Christmas gift – a skiing holiday, but they leave on Boxing Day. (T)	6.30 <b>Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas</b> Festive spin-off of the animated films. Sid the sloth accidentally ruins one of Manny the mammoth's Christmas traditions, and is worried to discover he may be on Santa Claus's naughty list – so he heads to the North Pole in a bid to redeem himself. (T) (R)	8.00 <b>A Right Royal 2012</b> A look at how the royal family has fared in the past year, with highlights including the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, which was celebrated by millions of people despite the rain. The low points saw the publication of revealing photographs of the Duchess of Cambridge in the foreign press, as well as a UK newspaper printing pictures of Prince Harry playing strip billiards in a hotel in Las Vegas. With contributions by ex-MP Ann Widdecombe, Diana, Princess of Wales's former private secretary Patrick Jephson, pageant master of the jubilee Follia Adrian Evans, royal correspondent Robert Jobson and social historian Dominic Sandbrook. 5 News at 9 (T)
	9.00 <b>EastEnders</b> Max and Tanya call off the wedding after Lauren's alcohol-fuelled outburst. Alfie soldiers on, while Lola is devastated when Phil tells her Lola will not be home for Christmas. (C)	8.20 <b>Open All Hours</b> Shopkeeping comedy, with Ronnie Barker as the miserly Arkwright, David Jason as his down-trodden nephew and Lynda Baron as Nurse Gladys Emmanuel. (C) (R)	7.30 <b>Coronation Street</b> More Christmas Eve drama from TV's most famous street. (T)	7.00 <b>The Snowman and the Snowdog</b> Animated sequel to Raymond Briggs' classic festive tale The Snowman. A boy's snowman and snowdog magically come to life at the stroke of midnight and take him on an adventure to the North Pole, where he and his new companions meet an assortment of colourful characters, including Santa himself, before returning home. (T)	9.00 <b>Eddie Stobart's Christmas Cracker</b> Festive edition of the documentary following the company's truckers as they face one of their busiest times of the year. A hospital in Cambridge awaits the arrival of a huge Christmas tree to raise patients' spirits, while petrol forecourts expect bumper fuel deliveries for those facing long drives home. A town in the north east of England is due a consignment of reindeer for their annual parade and on top of all that, the drivers must hit the right note for the company's charity Yuletide single.
Late View	9.30 <b>Outnumbered Christmas Special</b> The Brockmans do their bit for the community by throwing a Christmas party for their friends and neighbours – but as they might have known, things don't go as planned. Jake seems to have fallen in with a bad crowd, Karen would rather be chatting online and Pete's mum has turned up unexpectedly. The guests aren't exactly a barrel of laughs either, as they include Sue's friend Jane, whose love life is a disaster zone, traumatised ex-weatherman Ray and opinionated neighbour Ray. However, the party games seem to go with a swing, thanks to organiser Ben. (C)	8.50 <b>Porridge</b> Fletch discovers fellow inmates at Slade Prison are planning to escape – and decides to hide in the hospital so he cannot be blamed when the tunnel is discovered. Festive edition of the classic comedy from 1975, starring Ronnie Barker and Richard Beckinsale. (C) (R)	8.30 <b>Coronation Street</b> More Christmas Eve drama from TV's most famous street. (T)	7.30 <b>The Making of the Snowman and the Snowdog</b> One of the most popular British animations ever made, The Snowman has become a fixture in the Christmas schedules. Yet the talent behind the phenomenon is elusive. Now 30 years after the film adaptation of his children's book, Raymond Briggs provides an insight into his life, talks about his inspiration and reveals why he has finally approved a sequel. The programme also meets the creative team behind the new film, many of whom played a key role in the original, and others from the literary world share their thoughts on why his work is successful. (T)	10.00 <b>Tommy Cooper's Christmas</b> A seasonal special from 1973, featuring a generous helping of mirth, mayhem and magic from the comedian, who demonstrates how to cook a duck-egg omelette, plays snooker with a sand wedge and rides an ostrich. Joining Tommy are singers Clodagh Rodgers and Sacha Distel, who perform a medley of festive favourites.
	10.10 <b>Mrs Brown's Boys</b> Agnes finds herself facing her busiest Christmas ever, with Trevor stopping over, her grandson Bono staying on Christmas Eve and Dermot's triplets all arriving too. If that wasn't enough to juggle, she decides to take on the task of staging a Nativity play. The first of two festive editions of the comedy, starring Brendan O'Carroll. (C)	9.30 <b>Ronnie Barker: The Many Faces Of...</b> (C)	9.00 <b>The Spice Girls Story: Viva Forever!</b> A brand new and official, prime-time documentary on The Spice Girls including interviews with five stars themselves, plus their mothers, a host of celebrity pals, and more. It features behind the scenes footage of the infamous press call earlier this year, rehearsals and backstage footage of their performance in the The Olympics Closing Ceremony, and of course lots of sneak peaks of the new Spice Girls musical, Viva Forever, and its development. (T)	7.30 <b>The Making of the Snowman and the Snowdog</b> One of the most popular British animations ever made, The Snowman has become a fixture in the Christmas schedules. Yet the talent behind the phenomenon is elusive. Now 30 years after the film adaptation of his children's book, Raymond Briggs provides an insight into his life, talks about his inspiration and reveals why he has finally approved a sequel. The programme also meets the creative team behind the new film, many of whom played a key role in the original, and others from the literary world share their thoughts on why his work is successful. (T)	10.00 <b>Tommy Cooper's Christmas</b> A seasonal special from 1973, featuring a generous helping of mirth, mayhem and magic from the comedian, who demonstrates how to cook a duck-egg omelette, plays snooker with a sand wedge and rides an ostrich. Joining Tommy are singers Clodagh Rodgers and Sacha Distel, who perform a medley of festive favourites.
	10.40 <b>To be confirmed</b>	10.30 <b>The Two Ronnies: The Studio Recordings</b> A collection of unedited takes from the classic comedy show, featuring both famous and more obscure sketches. (C) (R)	9.00 <b>The Spice Girls Story: Viva Forever!</b> A brand new and official, prime-time documentary on The Spice Girls including interviews with five stars themselves, plus their mothers, a host of celebrity pals, and more. It features behind the scenes footage of the infamous press call earlier this year, rehearsals and backstage footage of their performance in the The Olympics Closing Ceremony, and of course lots of sneak peaks of the new Spice Girls musical, Viva Forever, and its development. (T)	10.00 <b>Tommy Cooper's Christmas</b> A seasonal special from 1973, featuring a generous helping of mirth, mayhem and magic from the comedian, who demonstrates how to cook a duck-egg omelette, plays snooker with a sand wedge and rides an ostrich. Joining Tommy are singers Clodagh Rodgers and Sacha Distel, who perform a medley of festive favourites.	
	11.25 <b>BBC News: Weather</b> (C) 11.45 <b>Midnight Mass from Leeds Cathedral</b> Live service from St Anne's Cathedral in Leeds. (C)	11.00 <b>Being Ronnie Corbett</b> Documentary charting the comedian's long career. (C) (R)	10.45 <b>Christmas Carols on ITV</b> (T) 11.45 <b>The Jonathan Ross Show</b> The star-studded line-up to take you into the early hours of Christmas Day includes Michael McIntyre, Sienna Miller, Sheridan Smith, Charlotte Church, Jamie Oliver, Jonnie Peacock and West Midlands' own Paralympic gold medal-winning star Ellie Simmonds. (T) (R)	11.05 <b>The Inbetweeners</b> Simon tries to impress a girl. (T) (R) 11.35 <b>The Inbetweeners</b> The gang visits a university. (T) (R)	
	1.05 <b>FILM: Film TBA 2.35 Weather</b> (C) 2.40 <b>BBC News</b> TBA 2.45 <b>Asia Business Report</b> News from the markets. 2.45 <b>Sport Today</b> News and results from around the world. 3.00 <b>BBC News</b> . 3.30 <b>Asia Business Report</b> News from the markets. 3.45 <b>Sport Today</b> News and results from around the world. 4.00 <b>BBC News</b> . 4.30 <b>HARDtalk</b> . Stephen Sackur talks to people making the headlines. 5.00 <b>BBC News</b> . 5.30 <b>World Business Report</b> . The latest business news, with informed analysis. 5.45 <b>BBC News</b> . (C)	12.00 <b>Comedy Connections</b> The story behind prizewinning Porridge and a chance to discover which actor was originally earmarked for the part of Godber. (C) (R) 12.30 <b>QI</b> Stephen Fry hosts a Christmas edition of the quiz, asking Sarah Milligan, Phill Jupitus, Dana Baker and Alan Davies questions on the theme of jingle bells. (C) (R) 1.00 <b>An Island Parish</b> Shepherd David Scott has a difficult decision to make about his pet sheep Persil, and Rev Gill Nicholls faces up to leaving the island for good. Last in the series. (C) (R) 1.30 <b>FILM: Film TBA 3.00 Close</b>	1.00 <b>The Unforgettable</b> Profiles of famous entertainers. (T) (R) 2.00 <b>ITV Nightscreen 3.50 Pushing Daisies</b> Anna Friel and Lee Pace star in the long-awaited hit US drama about pie-maker Ned, who can bring people back from the dead just by touching them, then send them to the afterlife with just another poke of his finger. He decides to use his power to solve crime, bringing murder victims back to life so they can name their killers – but things get complicated when he rescues his childhood sweetheart and decides to let her stay alive, knowing they can never come into physical contact. (T) (R) 4.50 <b>ITV Nightscreen</b>	12.10 <b>TBA 1.10 SuperCasino</b> Viewers get the chance to take part in a live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. 4.00 <b>House Doctor</b> A Victorian property in Camden, north London. (T) (R) 4.25 <b>House Doctors</b> Life-enhancing changes to a home. (T) (R) 4.50 <b>Great Artists</b> Profile of Renaissance painter Tiziano Vecellio, known to English-speakers as Titian, who pioneered the use of oils with a radical approach to light, colour and brush strokes. (T) (R) 5.10 <b>Michael's Wild Challenge</b> Michaela Strachan gets groomed by monkeys. (T) (R) 5.35 <b>Michael's Wild Challenge</b> Jamie Crawford is challenged to kiss a poison dart frog. (T) (R)	



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## CHRISTMAS DAY

BBC1



Jenny Agutter in Call The Midwife, 7.45pm

Early View

6.00 Breakfast Headlines and business news. (C) 9.00 TBA 10.00 Christmas Day Eucharist Traditional morning service live from St Mary Redcliffe in Bristol. (C) 11.00 FILM: The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause (2008) Christmas fantasy comedy sequel, starring Tim Allen. (C) 12.25 BBC News (C) 12.35 Weather (C) 12.40 FILM: Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (2008) The escaped zoo animals come across their wild counterparts after their plane crashes in Africa. Animated adventure, with the voices of Ben Stiller, Chris Rock and David Schwimmer. (C) 2.00 Top of the Pops Christmas Special Fennea Cotton and Reggie Yates present the annual chart countdown. (C) 3.00 The Queen Her Majesty's annual address. (C) 3.10 FILM: Shrek Forever After (2010) Premiere. Animated comedy, with the voice of Mike Myers. (C) 4.40 Room on the Broom Animated adaptation of the children's book about a witch who invites a surprising number of animals to ride on her broom. The voice cast includes Rob Brydon and David Williams. (C) 5.05 BBC News (C) 5.20 Weather (C) 5.30 Doctor Who The Time Lord is summoned to Victorian England to thwart an icy menace. (C)

BBC2



The Choir: A Year with the Military Wives, 9pm

6.00 CBeebies 6.30 The Cow That Almost Missed Christmas Animation retelling the nativity story from the viewpoint of a young cow. (C) 7.00 CBBC 9.00 Attenborough's Egg Hunt David Attenborough returns to Madagascar 50 years after his first visit. (C) 10.00 Attenborough's Ark: Natural World Special David Attenborough chooses 10 animals he would most like to save from extinction. (C) 11.00 Carols from King's Music and readings from the Chapel of King's College, Cambridge. (C) 12.15 FILM: On the Town (1949) Musical, starring Gene Kelly, Frank Sinatra and Jules Munshin. (C) 1.50 FILM: Singin' in the Rain (1952) A silent-movie star tries to win the heart of an aspiring actress as the dawn of sound changes the film business for ever. Musical comedy, starring Gene Kelly and Debbie Reynolds. (C) 3.30 La Cenerentola Andrea Andermann's production of Rossini's opera based on Cinderella, starring Ukrainian soprano Lena Belkina in the lead role and tenor Edgardo Rocha as Don Ramiro. (C) 5.30 The Queen Her Majesty's annual address. (C) 5.40 Arena: Sister Wendy and the Art of the Gospel The nun talks about life, faith and art. (C)

ITV1



Fun for Mrs Patmore in the Downton Christmas special

5.30 ITV Morning News (T) 6.00 CITY (T) 6.30 FILM: Scooby-Doo and the Alien Invaders (2000) Animated adventure, with the voice of Jeff Bennett. (T) 6.45 FILM: Aladdin (1992) A street urchin happens across a lamp, home to an affable genie with the ability to grant wishes. Disney animated adventure, with the voices of Robin Williams and Scott Weinger. (T) 11.15 The Nation's Favourite Christmas Song A countdown of the top 20 tunes guaranteed to get people in the festive spirit, including classics by Wizard, Mariah Carey, Slade, and the Pogues featuring Kirsty MacColl. (T) 12.15 Text Santa: One More Time Highlights of this evening's fundraising extravaganza. (T) 1.15 ITV News and Weather (T) 1.25 FILM: Toy Story (1995) Pixar animated adventure, with the voices of Tom Hanks and Tim Allen. (T) 3.00 The Queen Her Majesty's annual address. (T) 3.10 ITV News and Weather (T) 3.20 FILM: Tangled (2010) Premiere. A princess locked in a tower escapes with the aid of a bandit and tries to find her way home. Disney animated comedy, with the voices of Mandy Moore and Zachary Levi. (T) 5.15 You've Been Framed! Christmas Special Harry Hill narrates camcorder calamities. (T)

Channel 4



The Lord of the Rings, the journey begins, 5.35pm

6.40 FILM: The Rugrats Movie (1999) Animated adventure, with the voice of Elizabeth Daily. (T) 7.55 Snowman (T) 8.00 Father Christmas Seasonal animation based on Raymond Briggs' book. (T) 8.30 Little Wolf (T) 8.40 The Simpsons The children are trapped in school. (T) 9.30 The Simpsons A department store Santa grants Lisa's Christmas wish. (T) 10.00 Gordon's Christmas Cookalong (T) 1.45 The Snowman and the Snowdog Animated sequel to classic festive tale The Snowman. (T) 2.15 FILM: The Wizard of Oz (1939) A tornado whisks a girl off to a magical land where she embarks on a journey in search of the wizard who knows the way home. Musical fantasy, with Judy Garland and Ray Bolger. (T) 4.15 Alternative Christmas Message Channel 4's annual alternative message. (T) 4.20 Deal or No Deal's Big Christmas Dinner Noel Edmonds hosts a seasonal edition of the game show. (T) 5.20 Channel 4 News including sport and weather. (T) 5.25 4thoughtv Members of the public reflect on religious issues. (T) 5.30 Lord of the Rings: Fellowship Intro (T) 5.35 FILM: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) Fantasy adventure, starring Elijah Wood. (T)

Channel 5



Rolf's Animal Christmas, revisiting the series at 6pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.25 TBA 9.30 Once Upon a Time The Evil Queen hires the Huntsman to kill Snow as his Storybook counterpart Sheriff Graham starts to remember his alternative life. (T) 10.25 FILM: Gone with the Wind (1939) A plantation heiress has a tumultuous relationship with a roughish Southern gentleman during the American Civil War. Epic romantic drama, starring Vivien Leigh and Clark Gable. More than 1,400 actresses were interviewed for the coveted role of Scarlett O'Hara. The one actress whom all of Hollywood felt had the role (including herself) was Paulette Goddard, live-in girlfriend of comedian Charlie Chaplin. When the press leaked the information they were 'living in sin', Paulette was quickly dropped from consideration. 2.30 FILM: Trading Christmas (2011) Premiere. A lonely widow and a frustrated writer arrange to swap houses for Christmas, and both find themselves having unadvised sex. (T) 4.00 News with Faith Ford and Gill Bellows. (T) 4.15 FILM: The Santa Incident (2010) Premiere. Santa Claus is marooned in a small town and must prepare for Christmas without the resources of his North Pole workshop. Comedy, starring Greg Gorman and Lone Sky. (T)

Prime Time

6.30 Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Special Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly welcome seven former contestants and six Strictly newcomers to the dance floor to compete for the Christmas glitterball trophy, and singer Rod Stewart performs Let It Snow. Leading the line-up are 2008 and 2009 champions Tom Chambers and Chris Hollins, alongside a series of winners including Natasha Kaplinsky, while Kelly Brook, Rachel Stevens, Colin Jackson and Chelsee Healey also dust off their dancing shoes. Entering the ballroom for the first time are JLS singer Jonathan 'JB' Gill, former footballer Fabrice Muamba, comics Bobby Ball and Katy Brand, actress Sheila Hancock, and presenter Helen Skelton. Viewers' favourites Ann Widdecombe and Russell Grant add a little extra yuletide sparkle with a guest appearance. (C)

7.45 Call the Midwife Christmas Special The hit drama of the year returns for a one-off special and what could be more festive than the nuns finding a newborn baby on the steps of the convent? The discovery prompts the community to rally round, providing food and clothing for the unexpected arrival. But the question remains - who is his mother and why did she leave him there? Jessica Raine, Miranda Hart, Pam Ferris and Jenny Agutter star. (C)

9.00 EastEnders Derek plots to ruin Max's Christmas festivities, and when his plan falls into place, the perfect day turns into a disaster. A fun day at the Vic prompts Roxy to tell Alfie a secret. (C)

10.00 The Royle Family A new neighbour's arrival sparks one of the many topics of conversation as the couch-potato clan gathers for another fun-filled Christmas Day. This year Barbara has gone overboard with the presents after spending an entire two hours in the pound shop, Joe next door has turned to the lonely hearts column, although his advert leaves a lot to be desired, and Dave has had a flash of entrepreneurial inspiration. Ricky Tomlinson, Sue Johnston, Caroline Aherne and Craig Cash star. (C)

11.00 BBC News All the latest headlines. (C)

11.10 Weather (C)

11.15 To be confirmed

On Christmas Night Paralympic medal-winner Rachel Morris reads Christmas story. (C)

6.40 50 Years of Bond Cars: A Top Gear Special Richard Hammond celebrates 50 years of James Bond films with a look back at the franchise's vehicles, including the Aston Martin DB5 and the Lotus Esprit. Richard also takes to silver-screen 007s Daniel Craig and Roger Moore, goes behind the scenes on the latest Bond adventure Skyfall, and attempts to turn a Lotus into a fully working submarine car. (C) (R)

7.45 Dad's Army The vicar holds a Comforts for the Troops Fund bazaar at which Mainwaring finds himself bidding against Pike for a highly prized orange. The private reveals a stubborn streak that costs the thick-skinned captain an arm and a leg. Christmas edition of the classic comedy originally shown in 1976, starring Arthur Lowe and Ian Lavender. Last in the series. (C) (R)

8.15 Blackadder's Christmas Carol It is Christmas Eve 1850, and the kindly Ebenezer Blackadder spends the festive season being taken advantage of by his relatives. When he is visited by the Spirit of Christmas, he gains an insight into the dastardly deeds of his ancestors. Comic reversal of the classic Dickens tale, starring Rowan Atkinson. (C) (R)

9.00 The Choir: A Year with the Military Wives In February 2011, Gareth Malone went to Royal Marines Base Chivenor in Devon to set up a choir for the woman whose partners were away on active duty for months at a time. In this film, he goes back to the small chapel where he started the singing group, with key members reflecting on an experience that was meant to culminate in a performance at the Royal Albert Hall - but which actually led to something bigger. (C)

10.00 QI XL Jingle Bells Extended edition of the comedy panel game, in which the questions are so difficult points are awarded for the answers host Stephen Fry finds most interesting. (C)

10.45 The Sarah Millican Television Programme Xmas 2012 The award-winning comedienne hosts a special Christmas edition of her show, in which she delivers short stand-up routines inspired by festive TV. (C) (R)

11.15 The Christmas No 1 Story The battle for the chart-topping festive single has always been hard fought. (C) (R)

12.00 FILM: Blades of Glory (2007) Icy-skating comedy, starring Will Ferrell as part of an all-male ice-dancing couple. (C) 1.45 Weather (C) 1.40 BBC News 1.40 ABC World News with Diane Sawyer. Global news reports. 2.00 BBC News. 2.30 Asia Business Report. News from the markets. 2.45 Sport Today. News and results from around the world. 4.00 BBC News. 4.30 HARDtalk. Stephen Sackur talks to people making the headlines. 5.00 BBC News. 5.30 World Business Report. The latest business news, with informed analysis. 5.45 BBC News. (C)

6.00 Emmerdale A special hour-long episode. Cameron heads to the woods to bury the body after his second killing. Alicia sees Priya wearing the bracelet and confronts David. When Edna discovers that she has been burgled. In a recent TV interview, Mark Charnock, who plays Marlon Dingle, explained that fans can expect a mix of comedy and drama in the show's festive edition. Charnock commented: "Our Christmas Day is a better this year. It's an absolute better. It's also got some very, very good comedy in it, particularly from Charlotte Bellamy, who plays Laurel. "There's some really funny stuff, but the drama's shocking!" (T)

7.00 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs at Christmas The comedian follows the work of Battersea Dogs and Cats Home in London, meeting staff involved in treating, training and rehoming animals. A one-off special for the show which was a huge ratings winner when it ran through September and October. Paul, who is a fan of his furry friends, recently said, "I hate animal cruelty - it's just wrong and shows someone has no respect for life. We've got a responsibility to the animals we look after. I'm a member of Compassion in World Farming, which campaigns to improve conditions for farm animals. It's disgusting the conditions in which these creatures are shipped from Rungate over to Europe. If I were to go and picket, I would probably get arrested." (T)

8.00 Coronation Street Has Santa been kind to the cast of Weatherfield? This is soap world, so what do you think? (T)

9.00 Downton Abbey Costume drama set in an Edwardian country house, written by Oscar-winning writer Julian Fellowes. Starring Maggie Smith, Hugh Bonneville and Elizabeth McGovern. The Crawley family heads north to take a holiday in Scotland, leaving the servants behind at Downton. Drama, trauma and romance. (T)

11.00 Couples Retreat (2009) Premiere. Comedy, starring Vince Vaughn and Malin Akerman. Four couples settle into a tropical-island resort. While one of the couples is there to work on the marriage, the others fall to realize that participation in the resort's particular brand of therapy sessions is not optional. (T)

1.30 Christmas Carols on ITV (T) (R) 2.30 ITV Newsline 3.30 Pushing Daisies Anna Friel and Lee Pace star in the long-awaited hit US drama about pie-maker Ned, who can bring people back from the dead just by touching them, then send them to the afterlife with just another poke of his finger. He decides to use his power to solve crime, bringing murder victims back to life so they can name their killers - but things get complicated when he resuscitates his childhood sweetheart and decides to let her stay alive, knowing they can never come into physical contact. (T) (R) 4.30 ITV Nightscreen

9.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man Christmas Special The host presents a festive edition of his talk show, joined by his house-band for the night, McFly, who perform a medley of their greatest hits. Chart toppers JLS join Alan on the sofa along with Dragons' Den star Hilary Devey, who talks about her two new programmes for Channel 4. Actor David Walters also drops by to discuss new BBC family comedy Mr Stink, based on his children's book of the same name. Alan's father, Graham, had hoped Carr would be a footballer - after all, he'd been a footballer and manager, and his grandfather had been a footballer, so there was a sense of inevitability. In a recent interview the funnyperson was asked if it was a macho family? "Yeah, definitely. And that was just my mother. Hee-hee-hee-hee!" The be-speckled comedian cracked. (T)

10.00 Friday Night Dinner Christmas Special The boys' carer grandma ruins Christmas when she joins the family at the table for Mum's turkey dinner, accompanied by her equally horrible dog. She has the cheek to bring along her own food, knowing her daughter-in-law's cooking is not up to scratch, and gets into a fight with popular Grandma, to everyone's shock. Meanwhile, other dubious festive delights for the clan include JLS turning up dressed as Santa, and Jonny giving Adam a joke present. (T)

10.30 Rude Tube Christmas Special 2012 Series showcasing the most popular internet videos of all time, and interviewing some of the people who create them. Alex Zane presents the first Rude Tube Christmas special - a countdown of 50 Christmas themed clips. Some are plain funny, others will make you cringe. (T)

11.30 Channel 4's Greatest Comedy Moments If you haven't had your fill of great festive moments over on Five, this show takes a journey through the archive to serve up some vintage laughs. It's 30 years since the channel launched and in that time it has been responsible for some classics. From Comic Strip Presents and beyond, there's bound to be some gems. Expect to see memorable clips from such brilliant shows as Father Ted, Phoenix Nights, Max & Paddy and The Inbetweeners to name but a few. (T) (R)

1.30 FILM: Airplane! (1980) Spoof disaster movie, starring Robert Hays. (T) 1.45 3.00 David Blaine: What Is Magic? The illusionist performs amazing feats across America, impressing actor Orlando Bloom in New York, and seemingly catching a bullet in his chest from a .22-calibre gun. (T) 3.30 KOTV Boxing Weekly Henry Lundy v Raymond Beltran. Action from the NABF Lightweight title bout at the Resorts Hotel & Casino in Atlantic City. (T) 3.55 International Volleyball A look back at the 2012 World League season, focusing on the teams aimed to make it through to the finals in Bulgaria. (T) 4.50 Extreme Sailing Series The conclusion of the 2011 season. (T)

6.00 Rolf's Animal Christmas Rolf Harris revisits some of the most memorable stories of the year from Rolf's Animal Clinic, a series that saw animals of all shapes and sizes receiving vital and often life-saving treatment. This festive special reveals how some of the patients fared after they returned home to their grateful owners following medical attention at the University of Liverpool's School of Veterinary Science campus at Leahurst in Cheshire.

7.00 Eddie Stobart's Christmas Cracker Festive edition of the documentary following the company's trucks as they face one of their busiest times of the year. A hospital in Cambridge awaits the arrival of a huge Christmas tree to please patients' spirits, while petrol drivers expect bumper fuel deliveries for those facing long drives home. A town in the north east of England is due a consignment of reindeer for their annual parade and on top of all that, the drivers forecast the right note for the company's charity Yuletide single. 5 News Update (T)

8.00 Eddie Stobart: Trucks, Trailers and Tinsels As festive blizzards grind much of the UK to a halt, the Eddie Stobart drivers struggle to transport 500,000 Christmas trees to garden centres in time for the start of the yuletide season. Meanwhile, a trucker in Wales risks being hijacked to deliver children's toys to a major retailer, and the chilled foods team takes on the massive challenge of shipping six million turkeys to the nation's butchers. 5 News at 9 (T)

9.00 Eddie Stobart's Christmas Delivery Festive edition of the documentary series, in which the company's trucks face one of their busiest times of the year. Battling harsh winter conditions, they set out to ensure shops around the country receive their supply of Christmas trees, salt is delivered to councils and supermarket shelves are stocked with plenty of products.

10.00 Greatest Christmas TV Moments Countdown of 50 festive crackers past and present, including classic soap moments, dramatic endings, sitcom specials, comedy sketches and light entertainment highlights that have made the television set the focus of the holiday season for decades. Expect to see the likes of Morecambe and Wise, EastEnders and Doctor Who.

12.50 SuperCasino Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. 4.00 House Doctor A country cottage in Worcestershire. (T) 4.25 House Hunters Life-enhancing changes to a home. (T) 4.30 Great Artists The life and work of Pieter Bruegel the Elder. (T) 5.10 Michaela's Wild Challenge Michaela Strachan travels to South America where she encounters a whole 50 times her size, and Ellie Harrison tries to photograph the inside of a hippopotamus's mouth. (T) 5.35 Michaela's Wild Challenge Ellie Harrison designs a bug detector. (T) (R)



CHRISTMAS TV

BOXING DAY

Early View	BBC1	BBC2	ITV1	Channel 4	Channel 5
	<div></div> <div>Mia Wasikowska stars in <b>Alice in Wonderland</b>, 7.20pm</div> <div>6.00 <b>Breakfast</b> Headlines and business news. (C) 9.00 <b>TBA 10.35 FILM: Film TBA 12.10 Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers</b> Everyday cooking advice with the food writer. (C) (R) 12.40 <b>BBC News</b> (C) 12.55 <b>Regional News: Weather</b>. (C) 1.00 <b>Wallace &amp; Gromit: A Grand Day Out</b> The duo embark on their first adventure, taking a trip to the moon when their cheese supplies run out. Batta-winning animation, with the voice of Peter Sallis. (C) (R) 1.25 <b>FILM: Bolt</b> (2008) The canine star of a TV show, who believes his on-screen adventures are real, tries to find his way home. Part-animated fantasy comedy, starring Amy Adams, James Marsden and Susan Sarandon. (C) 4.30 <b>FILM: How to Train Your Dragon</b> (2010) Premiere. A Viking boy longs to become a dragon slayer, but ends up befriending one of the giant flying lizards. Animated comedy, with the voices of Jay Baruchel and Gerard Butler. (C)</div> <div>6.00 <b>Mr Stink</b> Family comedy based on the children's novel by David Walliams. Twelve-year-old Chloe has a lonely existence – her mother is too busy with her political ambitions to take any interest in her daughter, her hen-pecked dad is hiding a secret of his own and she cannot hope to compete with her 'perfect' younger sister – to say nothing of the nasty girls who make her school life a misery. So when she meets a tramp in need of somewhere to stay, she invites him to hide out in her family's garden shed – but it soon turns out there is more to her smelly guest than meets the eye. Downton Abbey's Hugh Bonneville stars, with Sheridan Smith, Johnny Vegas and Isabella Blake-Thomas, with an appearance from Britain's Got Talent winner Pudsey the dog. (C)</div> <div>7.00 <b>BBC News: Weather</b>. (C)</div> <div>7.15 <b>Midlands Today: Weather</b>. (C)</div> <div>7.20 <b>Alice in Wonderland</b> (2010) Premiere. A 19-year-old Alice returns to the magical land, having forgotten her previous adventures. She finds the tyrannical Red Queen has begun a reign of terror that can only be ended by slaying the monstrous Jabberwocky – a task she is seemingly destined to perform. Tim Burton's fantasy adventure, based on Lewis Carroll's novel, starring Mia Wasikowska, Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter and Anne Hathaway. (C)</div> <div>9.00 <b>EastEnders</b> Derek's death has left a dark cloud over the Brannings, with Max insisting they check their stories before the police arrive. The atmosphere is strained between Ali and Roxy. (C)</div> <div>9.30 <b>Miranda</b> New series. The comedy series returns with a festive special that sees Penny threatening to cancel the joke-shop owner's Christmas if she can't manage to get her life in order. (C)</div> <div>10.00 <b>Mrs Brown's Boys</b> Having cast herself in the role of the Virgin Mary Agnes vows to make her retelling of the Nativity at the community centre unforgettable. (C)</div> <div>10.30 <b>BBC News: Weather</b>. (C)</div> <div>10.50 <b>The National Lottery Wednesday Night Draws</b> More fortunes are made. (C)</div> <div>11.00 <b>Match of the Day</b> Including highlights of Manchester United v Newcastle United. (C)</div> <div>12.30 <b>FILM: Point Break</b> (1991) Thriller, with Keanu Reeves and Patrick Swayze. (C) 1.25 <b>FILM: Weather</b> (C) 2.35 <b>BBC News 2.35 Asia Business Report</b>. News from the markets. 2.45 Sport Today. News and results from around the world. 3.00 <b>BBC News 3.30 Asia Business Report</b>. News from the markets. 3.45 Sport Today. News and results from around the world. 4.00 <b>BBC News 4.30 HARDtalk</b>. Stephen Sackur talks to people making the headlines. 5.00 <b>BBC News 5.30 World Business Report</b>. The latest business news, with informed analysis. 5.45 <b>BBC News</b>. (C)</div>	<div></div> <div>Sienna Miller is <b>The Girl</b>, based on the Tippi Hedren story</div> <div>7.00 <b>Cbeebies 9.00 The Great Rift: Africa's Wild Heart</b> Exploring Africa's Great Rift Valley, which stretches for 3,000 miles from the Red Sea to the mouth of the Zambezi river and contains the world's widest array of wildlife. (C) (R) 10.00 <b>Attenborough: 60 Years in the Wild</b> David Attenborough looks back over his filmmaking career. (C) (R) 11.00 <b>Darcey Bussell Dances Hollywood</b> The former Royal Ballet star celebrates classic dance musicals. (C) (R) 12.30 <b>John Wilson on Broadway Uncut</b> Extended version of the BBC Proms performance of Broadway classics. (C) 2.40 <b>FILM: An American in Paris</b> (1951) A struggling American painter living in Paris is torn between two women – his wealthy patroness and an engaged Frenchwoman. Oscar-winning musical, with Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron. (C) 4.30 <b>Final Score</b> A round-up of this afternoon's results from the Premier League, Football League and Scotland. (C) 5.30 <b>FILM: Miss Potter</b> (2006) Victorian writer and illustrator Beatrix Potter falls in love while trying to find a publisher for her work. Biographical period drama, starring Renée Zellweger and Ewan McGregor. (C)</div> <div>7.00 <b>Are You Being Served?</b> A classic British comedy still a hot today set in a department store. Young Mr Grace instructs everyone to wear fancy dress in the run-up to Christmas, turning the departments into fairy-tale grottos. Festive edition of the department store comedy from 1975. With a top rate cast including Harold Bennett, John Inman, Wendy Richard, Frank Thornton and Mollie Sugden. (C) (R)</div> <div>7.30 <b>Morecambe &amp; Wise: Song &amp; Dance Sketches</b> More crazy clowning from the oh so talented Eric and Ernie One to set the recorder for. (C) (R)</div> <div>8.30 <b>Blackpool: Big Night Out</b> Drama and live social stories from the party resort of the north west coast. (C)</div> <div>9.30 <b>The Girl</b> Toby Jones and Sienna Miller star in this one-off drama based on the story of director Alfred Hitchcock's obsession with Tippi Hedren, leading lady of his 1963 thriller <i>The Birds</i>. The film-maker was at the height of his fame when he chose the Scandinavian fashion model to star in his latest thriller, sculpting her into the perfect blonde of his imagination. But before long, he became determined to win her love, a pursuit that would end in failure. Melinda Staurton and Penelope Wilton co-star. (C)</div> <div>11.00 <b>Rebecca</b> (1940) Romantic drama based on the novel by Daphne Du Maurier, with excellent performances by Laurence Olivier and Joan Fontaine. When a naive young woman marries a rich widower and settles into his gigantic mansion, she finds the memory of the first wife maintaining a grip on her husband and the servants and especially the sinister housekeeper. Directed by Alfred Hitchcock, this deservedly won two Oscars. (b/w) (C)</div> <div>1.05 <b>Paul Merton Looks at Alfred Hitchcock</b> The legendary master of suspense. Classic British films, examining how these moody features – including <i>The Lodger</i> and <i>Blackmail</i> – provided the foundations for his rise to prominence as Hollywood's 'master of suspense'. Featuring rare archive footage of the film-maker and interviews with those who worked with him. (C) (R) 2.05 <b>TBA 3.35 Close</b></div>	<div></div> <div>That Dog Can Dance... Ashley and Pudsey in action</div> <div>5.30 <b>ITV Morning News</b> (T) 6.00 <b>CITV</b> (T) 9.25 <b>FILM: The Railway Children</b> (1970) Three Edwardian children are forced to move from London to rural Yorkshire after their father is wrongfully imprisoned. Period family drama, with Jenny Agutter and Bernard Cribbins. (T) 11.25 <b>Dinner Date</b> Matchmaking show in which contestants choose three blind dates based entirely on menus created by five potential partners. (T) 12.20 <b>ITV News and Weather</b> (T) 12.30 <b>FILM: Land of the Lost</b> (2009) An eccentric scientist and his two friends are transported into another dimension inhabited by dinosaurs. Comedy adventure, starring Will Ferrell, Anna Friel and Danny McBride. (T) 1.55 <b>Local News and Weather</b> (T) 2.25 <b>The Spice Girls Story: Viva Forever!</b> (T) (R) 3.55 <b>FILM: Toy Story 2</b> (1999) Cowboy doll Woody is stolen by an unscrupulous toy collector, who knows he is worth a fortune as a collectible, prompting fearless Space Ranger Buzz Lightyear to lead a daring across-town mission to rescue him. However, Woody is tempted to spend his life languishing in the safety of a museum rather than face the prospect of his owner growing up. Animated sequel, featuring the voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, Joan Cusack and Kelsey Grammer. (T) 3.59 <b>Local Weather</b> (T) 5.45 <b>ITV News and Weather</b> (T)</div> <div>6.00 <b>Central Tonight</b>, followed by <b>Weather</b>. (T)</div> <div>6.00 <b>All Star Family Fortunes</b> Game show, hosted by Vernon Kay. Well-known faces team up with their relatives and try to guess the answers to surveys of 100 people in a bid to reach the final round, in which they can win up to £30,000 for a charity of their choice. (T)</div> <div>7.00 <b>Emmerdale</b> Long-running soap set amid the rolling scenery of the Yorkshire Dales. (T)</div> <div>7.30 <b>Coronation Street</b> Weatherfield's families digested the fallout from another eventful Christmas Day. (T)</div> <div>8.00 <b>That Dog Can Dance!</b> Simon Cowell has always said he wanted a dancing dog act to win Britain's Got Talent, and this year it happened, with Ashleigh Butler and her pooch Pudsey triumphing in the competition. Now, he's bringing this one-off entertainment show to ITV1, in which five twinkle-toed contestants and their talented pets hope to impress Ashleigh and celebrity co-judges Sharon Osbourne and Bill Bailey. The hopefuls are battling for the chance to perform at Crufts 2013. Christine Bleakley hosts. (T)</div> <div>9.00 <b>Dale's Great Getaway</b> A fun-filled game show, hosted by Dale Winton, in which three families compete in a series of bonkers challenges from around the globe for the chance to win three very different prizes. (T)</div> <div>10.00 <b>ITV News at Ten and Weather</b> (T)</div> <div>10.15 <b>The Holiday</b> (2006) Two single women living on opposite sides of the Atlantic agree to exchange houses over the Christmas holidays. In their new surroundings, both women unexpectedly encounter prospective partners, but as the house swap draws to a close, difficult decisions have to be made about their blossoming relationships. Romantic comedy, starring Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet, Jack Black, Jude Law and Eli Wallach. (T) HH</div> <div>10.30 <b>Local News and Weather</b> (T)</div> <div>12.45 <b>Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?</b> Chris Tarrant invites another line-up of contestants to answer questions that could change their lives – with lifelines Ask the Audience, Phone a Friend and 50-50 available to them if they get stuck. (T) (R) 1.45 <b>FILM: Every Which Way But Loose</b> (1978) Action comedy, starring Clint Eastwood. (T) HH 1.50 <b>ITV Nightscreen</b> Text-based information service.</div>	<div></div> <div>James Howson stars in the classic <b>Wuthering Heights</b></div> <div>6.10 <b>The Hoobs Groove</b> goes to a fancy-dress party. (T) (R) 6.35 <b>The Hoobs Groove</b> feels down in the dumps. (T) (R) 7.00 <b>Will &amp; Grace</b> Jack is nominated for an award. (T) (R) 7.30 <b>According to Jim</b> Dana is fixed up with a date. (T) (R) 8.00 <b>Everybody Loves Raymond</b> Part two of two. Robert falls in love. (T) (R) 8.30 <b>The Morning Line</b> Racing preview. 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# Extended home is on the market



This extended and improved semi-detached is available in Sedgley through Wakeman

**PRICED to sell at offers over £175,000, this extended and improved traditionally styled semi-detached house is in Dumbleberry Avenue, Sedgley.**

Conveniently situated for Sedgley centre and all its amenities, the property has uPVC double glazing, gas central heating and cavity wall insulation, and is described as being deceptively spacious. On the ground floor the

lounge, 13ft by 11ft 3in, has a feature fireplace with electric fire, while the rear sitting room is 10ft 11in by 10ft 10in with a patio window into a conservatory which is 10ft 1in by 7ft 12in.

### Integrated

The kitchen, 14ft 4in by 6ft 8in, has base and wall cupboards, work surfaces, gas oven and hob with extractor hood over, integrated fridge and dishwasher and breakfast bar.

On the first floor are three bedrooms, one with a shower area includ-

ing corner cubicle, low-level WC and pedestal wash hand basin, and a bathroom with P-shaped bath with shower over and screen, pedestal wash hand basin and WC.

Outside a garage has plumbing for an automatic washing machine, with the property approached via a block paved driveway and parking area.

There are gardens to the front and rear incorporating decking, paving, shrubs and timber store shed.

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Every film buff's dream – the one-off Juke can only be won through the Nissan competition

# Holy Nissan Batman! Win a Dark Knight Juke Nismo

**A BATMAN-inspired one-off Nissan Juke is to be offered as a prize to one lucky competition winner.**

Based on the 2013 Juke Nismo, The Dark Knight Rises Juke Nismo is a film lover's dream come true, with matt black paint reminiscent of Batman's 'Tumbler' and special 'bat' detailing, including bat signal projectors.

The special Juke Nismo was designed by Nissan Design Europe in London's Paddington to celebrate

the company's relationship with Warner Bros – and, of course, the DVD release of The Dark Knight Rises.

Under the skin, the car uses the same 197bhp turbocharged 1.6-litre engine as the standard Juke Nismo, which is already a range-topping model.

A six-speed manual gearbox is the way Batman would want it if he was looking for a (non-bulletproof) road car, while a 0-62mph time of 7.8 seconds is enough to keep most things in its rear-view mirror.

A Nismo body kit, uprated suspension and a sleeker 'shark fin' antenna replace the standard items. Dual Nismo and aluminium bat badges appear on the front grille and tailgate, kick plates and the suede sports seats, the latter of which are reflective.

Black 18in alloy wheels have red detailing, too, but perhaps the best bit of detailing is that the puddle lamps mounted in the undersides of the door mirrors project the superhero's bat symbol down on to the ground beside the car, while the

same signal is projected on to the head lining inside the car thanks to an interior uplighter.

Sadly The Dark Knight Rises Juke Nismo won't be appearing in any dealership, and it won't even be sold to the highest bidder.

Anyone can win it by entering a competition at [www.builttothrill.co.uk](http://www.builttothrill.co.uk) with entries accepted until the end of February.

Meanwhile, the Juke Nismo is set to arrive in showrooms in March, with order books opening in January.

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# No shortage of space with new Skoda Superb

**THERE will always be a market for huge, load and people carrying vehicles.**

If we think back a few years it used to be the ubiquitous Volvo estate car that was the vehicle of choice by antique dealers, furniture restorers and people who needed to move huge amounts of kit and equipment.

Now entering the market place is Skoda with the Superb, and they really have capitalised on this particular market. If your family or business needs a vehicle capable of moving huge amounts of equipment or people or both, then the Superb has to feature highly on your list. The Superb has a huge 595 litres of space in the boot and believe me that is a serious amount of space; if you drop the seats that increases to a staggering 1700 litres.

Rear passengers will be over the moon with the amount of room; it is like driving and riding in a limousine. As a six footer with my wife driving the vehicle I was able to fully stretch my legs out in front of me and there were still 7 or 8 inches of free space.

## Attractive

I am convinced I could put a washing machine or a spin dryer on the floor behind the driver's seat, such is the huge space aspect of the Superb.

The Superb looks quite an attractive vehicle, yes it is big, but that is what it is designed to be. As with all Skodas there are a wide choice of engine derivatives. Petrol choices vary from a diminutive 1.4 litre up to a huge V6 3.6-litre 4 x 4 option. If diesel is the one that does it for you then the Superb is available starting with a 1.6-litre TDI



A low CO figure of 114 gm/kgs means a nil-rated first year excise duty



Whale-esque – the massive boot space

producing 105 bhp which was the unit fitted to my test car and then there are a variable number of 2-litre TDI's with various power outputs and also a 4 x 4 option.

Being Skoda you expect value for money as well as a well built and engineered vehicle and the Superb did not disappoint. The Elegance Green line that I had the option of testing is a well equipped vehicle for its £24,390 recommended price. It had 16" alloy wheels, leather covered steering wheel with multi-functions which included controls for the radio, telephone and sound system, which is always useful. The front seats were electrically operated and have a very useful feature of a

memory button, one of those items that you wonder how you ever managed without once you have become used to it. The front seats were also heated.

The vehicle has a stop/start system to both lower the CO and increase the fuel per gallon, a feature of the Green Line derivative.

## Adequate

The 1.6-litre turbo charged diesel engine is allegedly producing in the region of 105 bhp which considering the size of the vehicle was more than adequate for all conditions and driving situations. A 5-speed manual box was a delight to operate, being positive

and not sloppy or wishy washy in any of the situations that driving demands. The performance was more than adequate for my needs, Skoda claim a top speed of 119 mph and they suggest a 0-60 gallop can be achieved in marginally over 12 1/2 seconds. The feature that is impressive however is that Skoda claims a combined figure of 64.2 mpg.

We all take these figures with a pinch of salt but to my astonishment in a week of varied terrain driving in Somerset including motorways and twisty roads, the computer told me that I had actually achieved 60.2 mpg, a fabulous result for a vehicle of this size. The low CO figure of 114 gm/kgs means

a nil rated first year excise duty and then a mere £30 in the second year. The vehicle never felt daunting or large to actually drive, yes you needed to be a little careful when you park but if it was your vehicle you would soon get used to it.

The Superb range available is quite extensive, they start with an S, which is the entry level vehicle, but again the level of specification even on an S is quite high, with alloy wheels, air con and an 8-speaker sound system, an alarm is also incorporated, so the basic entry vehicle is quite good.

The specifications increase with an SE, SE Plus, and the top specification was the Elegance.

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## Citroen paints fresh picture with the new Picasso MPV

**CITROEN'S C3 Picasso supermini MPV has been refreshed before the new year, bringing additional options and improved looks as well as maintaining its impressive value.**

A revised front bumper with the bold Citroen chevrons plus LED daytime running lights on VTR+ and Exclusive models bring added personality while two new body colours are also introduced – Ink Blue and Pearlescent

White. Citroen's new eMyWay satellite navigation system is now available as an option list, with extra functionality over the previous MyWay system, but at no extra cost. eMyWay can also be specified with a reversing camera and rear parking sensors for easier manoeuvres.

An electro-chrome rear-view mirror is now included in C3 Picasso's Automatic Pack option at no extra charge

and new 15in wheel covers are standard on VT versions.

Citroen has also updated the power output of the HDi 110 engine on the C3 Picasso Exclusive, renaming it HDi 115. The slight increase in power has no effect on the model's fuel economy or CO2 emissions.

The revised C3 Picasso is on sale now and starts at £12,995, rising to £17,475.

## Parents are in the dark over safety seats

**MORE than half of parents have never been shown or told how to correctly fit a child seat into their cars, according to research.**

The data has come to light during a survey conducted by retailer Mamas & Papas and Alfa Romeo as part of the Safer Seat campaign, which aims to promote best practice around child car seats.

The survey also discovered that more than three in five parents (61 per cent) are unaware that there are different types of car seat available for different kinds of cars.

This lack of awareness could be particularly problematic because installing the wrong type of seat into any vehicle could significantly compromise its safety.

A third of those who answered the survey were also unaware that the safest kind of seat for a baby up to 13kg is a rearward-facing one.

## Mounted

These can be mounted on most new cars' outer rear or front passenger seats, although the front passenger airbag should always be deactivated if that seat is used.

One in 10 mums and dads choose a car seat based solely on price rather than choos-



Price plays a big part when parents are choosing car seats

ing a specific fit or function appropriate to their car.

Alfa Romeo and Mamas & Papas have compiled a checklist for parents of young children detailing how to choose the car seat that's right for them, and it also offers advice on how to install a car seat correctly.

The guide is available at Mamas & Papas stores, at Alfa Romeo dealerships and online via independent consumer advice service Which?



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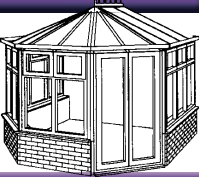
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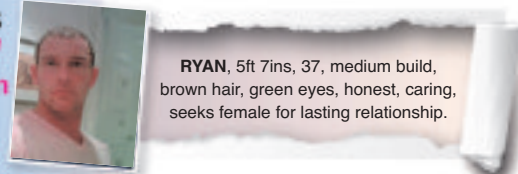
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## Amy hits six for Hawks in goal glut

**Girls League**  
**Halas Hawks U15 9**  
**Wyre Forest U15 0**

HALAS could not break down tight defending from Wyre Forest in the first half of this cup match.

But the second was a different picture as Halas scored nine goals without reply.

Amy Blakemore bagged six goals, Kayleigh Pomfret two and Abbie Willingale got the other.

**Halas Hawks U17 0**  
**Wyre Forest U17 0**

It was honours even in this under-17 match with both teams struggling on a heavy pitch.

The closest Halas went to scoring was in the first half when Elisha Rose burst through the middle, but saw her effort bounce off the post.

**Boys League**  
**Halas Hawks East U9 1**  
**Penn Colts West U9 0**

The under-nines East finally got the win their football has deserved over the past month.

Halas had numerous chances in the first half and scored when Ethan Daly followed up a parried shot from Brandon Hale.

**Dudley Town U9 0**  
**Halas Hawks West U9 2**

Hawks missed numerous chances, but finally broke a resolute defence with two goals in the final 10 minutes. Harvey Brookes broke the deadlock and then doubled his tally with a well-taken second goal.

**Trysull Tigers U11 6**  
**Halas Hawks East U11 2**

The under-11s East suffered their first defeat in three games against a strong Trysull team.

The Halas goals came from Oliver Miller and Jake Crackett.

**Halas Hawks U14 4**  
**Gornal Colts North U14 2**

Halas fell behind, but fought back to level before half-time through Cameron Milne, who then put them in front in the second half.

Further goals from Connor Fisher and Cain Brissett secured the points.

**Kewford Eagles U15 0**  
**Halas Hawks U15 2**

Second-half goals from Adam Higginson and Michael Eaton, who converted after a well-worked move, proved enough for Halas.

**Wordsley U16 3**  
**Halas Hawks U16 2**

The under-16s threw away a two goal lead to lose 3-2 to Wordsley. Both Halas goals came from Jon Rizzo.



Jason Welborn, left, and Martin Gethin at the Walsall show  
Picture: UKOBoxing

## Contenders' good night out

### Boxing

lightweight titles. "It was a good night," said Welborn. "There were 12 really good bouts involving youngsters from all over the Midlands and it was nice to be a part of the evening."

Welborn and Gethin are both managed by Errol Johnson.

They have been training together regularly as they prepare for the biggest nights of their boxing lives in the new year.

"Training has been going well," declared Gethin.

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enjoy working with him. We both know what the other one is going through and how important the fights are to us both.

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# Albion try hard, but can't nail Hammers

## Albion 0 West Ham 0

**ALBION may have been frustrated by the Hammers, but at least the point snapped a Premier League run of three successive defeats.**

Try as they might, the Baggies could not find a way through a stubborn West Ham defence, *writes Steve Madeley.*

Yet Steve Clarke's men hammered hard enough on the visitors' door in the second half to suggest the sparkling form that propelled them into the top three in November is still bubbling away.

After a first half that was flat in the stands and dire on the field, the hosts dominated the second period and only the Hammers' woodwork and a couple of crucial defensive interceptions denied Clarke the victory over his former employers that his current side's overall display merited.

### Attack

But Albion, having rediscovered some of the attacking zest that had deserted them in their three previous matches, found that fortune had abandoned them against a Sam Allardyce side, who were content after half-time to settle for a share of the spoils as their hosts pegged them back.

Christmas will bring with it some fixtures that Albion will view as an opportunity to cement their position in the upper echelons of the top flight. Despite Sunday's scoreline, they should now attack them with some of their early-season momentum restored.

They made a positive start and only a smart interception from Winston Reid prevented Shane Long getting on the end of a decent through ball in the opening stages.

But a little of the verve drained away as the first half wore on with Boaz Myhill, playing his seventh game in place of injured No. 1 Ben Foster, smothering a dangerous centre from Matt Taylor as Matt Jarvis lurked on the edge of the six-yard box. There



James Collins gets to grips with Peter Odemwinge

were a couple of efforts at goal from the Baggies, first when James Morrison blasted a shot a yard wide from outside the area after a link-up between Peter Odemwinge and Chris Brunt, then when Long wriggled free of two defenders just inside the box and flashed an effort wide.

Both Odemwinge and Brunt tried their luck from distance, too, but saw their efforts held comfortably by Jussi Jaaskelainen in the Hammers' goal.

Albion had held the edge for the opening half-hour but it was the visitors who should have gone ahead on 32 minutes from a corner. James Collins leapt highest to nod down Mark Noble's flag-kick and Reid, at full stretch, sent a shot over the bar.

Long-range shots continued to provide the best chance of an opener and Myhill had to parry uncomfortably from a Carlton Cole effort that swerved wickedly. But there was



Albion's Zoltan Gera takes a tumble, courtesy of Mark Noble's foul

no breakthrough as a dour first half had an appropriately tepid end.

Albion made a purposeful start to the second period and forced a succession of corners, two of which almost brought goals. One flag-kick was helped across the face of goal by Zoltan Gera for Morrison, whose effort struck Reid and looped over.

And another was cleared as far as Morrison, who misdirected a shot well wide.

But the Hammers went even closer moments later when Gary O'Neil bent a long-range effort fractionally off target.

Youssef Mulumbu rolled a shot wide for the Baggies after smart build-up play by Odemwinge, while Noble sent an effort into the side netting after a sharp turn in the Baggies' six-yard box.

However, after a brief increase in the tempo at the beginning of the second period, the game soon slipped back into its pre-

interval tempo and became scrappy again.

There was a momentary outbreak of excitement when another long-range effort, this time by Gera, bounced awkwardly in front of Jaaskelainen and was spilled by the keeper, but Long was unable to direct his difficult follow-up.

A tactical switch saw Odemwinge moved from his central starting position to a wider role. And the Nigeria star tormented Guy Demel and almost handed the opening goal on a plate for Long, who was only denied by Reid's vital interception.

The Baggies' dominance increased as the second half progressed with the Hammers seemingly content to defend but they were almost breached with 17 minutes remaining when Morrison crashed a header against the crossbar from a Brunt corner. It was a moment that summed up Albion's superiority, but underlined the day's frustrations.

## Hearsey hits five in Sports goal glut

### Dudley Sports 8 Pegasus 0

DUDLEY Sports hit eight goals with a pulsating performance against Pegasus.

Sports ran riot in the first half of the West Midlands Premier game, hitting six goals as Pegasus had no answer to the home side's fast-flowing attacking play.

On five minutes Luke Williams curled a beauty into the top corner from 25 yards. Olly Butler made it two in the 15th minute, finishing from eight yards after a Matt Hearsey cross.

Then it became the Hearsey show as he helped himself to the next four goals. All were similar as he outpaced the defenders before finishing crisply.

Sports started the second half as they finished the first – on the attack – and the seventh goal soon arrived, with Hearsey running from the halfway line before hammering the ball past the advancing goalkeeper.

Butler completed the scoring after good work from Mark Gore.

**Results:** Bilbrook South U9 10 Dudley Sports East U9 0, Dudley Sports West U10 2 (Connor Hughes 2) Bilbrook North U10 2, Dudley Sports Dynamos U14 2 (Liam Cullen, George Taylor) Dudley Juniors U14 1, Evesham U11 Girls 1 Dudley Sports U11 Girls 10 (Kirsty Hampton 3, Katie Smith 3, Hannah Fellows 2, Kelly Nicklin 2), Santiago Ladies 3 Dudley Sports Ladies 1 (Chloe Williams).

## Sixth win completed with ease

**Shifnal Town 0 Dudley Town 3**  
DUDLEY TOWN eased to their sixth victory in the last seven West Midlands Premier games.

Inside two minutes a Danny Ludlow corner was knocked on by Grant Joshua and Ross Love headed into the roof of Chris Worrall's net.

The Black Country visitors dominated proceedings but despite this they had to wait until the 35th minute to extend the lead.

A beautiful curved pass from Joshua deceived the Shropshire club's defence, allowing Dreniz Bala plenty of space to round Worrall and tap into the empty net.

Dudley got their third in slightly controversial circumstances.

The referee rejected a huge offside appeal and it allowed an unchallenged run in on goal for Bala, who again rounded Worrall and tapped home for his second.

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## Brace by Ben but defeat for Yeltz

**Mickleover Sports 3 Halesowen Town 2**  
HALESOWEN went down to a narrow but probably deserved defeat at lowly Mickleover in the Evo-Stik Division One South, despite two more goals from Ben Haseley.

Mickleover sacked manager Dick Pratley in the week and started third from bottom so the Yeltz may have hoped for more from this game.

They attacked from the off, Naveed Arshad missing a chance early on and Jean Michel Guyes seeing a shot blocked.

But Mickleover took the lead on 30 minutes when Kieran O'Connell latched onto a long ball and shot past Halesowen goalkeeper Dean Coleman.

Haseley equalised two minutes later when he received the ball from a throw in and turned to slam it home.

### Reduce

But Mickleover took control early in the second half and on 52 minutes the ball came out to Robert Ritchie-Smith from a corner and he volleyed home.

And on 65 minutes, Alex Steadman's low shot beat Coleman to make it 3-1.

Haseley broke clear and applied another good finish to reduce the deficit on 70. But Halesowen could not equalise.

One positive for the Yeltz was the return of Luke Corbett after five weeks out, but Gavin Winsper and Nathaniel Caines were both taken off injured.

■ Left-sided player Aaron Griffiths has returned for a second spell with the Yeltz.

He joined towards the end of the 2008-09 season and played regularly in the following campaign. He has since been with Kidderminster Harriers and started the 2012 season at Stourbridge.

## Tracey equaliser rescues Halas

**Continental Star Ladies 3 Halas Hawks Ladies 3**

A LATE equaliser from Tracey Haycox rescued a draw for Halas.

They went ahead through Kirsty Houston, but were 2-1 down at half-time.

An early second half leveller from the free-scoring Tash Berry gave them hope but it was Continental who regained the advantage.

But with time running out, Haycox scored the crucial goal.

## Covatti returns but storm over Auty



Nicolas Covatti - deal

FANS' favourite Nicolas Covatti is on his way back to Birmingham for the 2013 season. But the Brummies are now engaged in a row with neighbours Coventry after announcing the return of Bees asset Josh Auty for 2013.

Birmingham joint boss Graham Drury said of Auty: "It's great to have him back for a second season. "We had permission from Coventry at the end of last season to do a deal with him and we're pleased to have everything concluded."

However, both clubs are also

### Speedway

thought to be interested in using Coventry asset Ben Barker, who tracked with the Brummies last season.

And Brandon promoter Mick Horton declared: "Josh cannot be named in the Birmingham team. They have not been given permission to speak to Josh until such time as the Ben Barker situation is resolved."

Argentine-born Covatti, however, will be back at Perry Barr. He was a

hit when arriving in August and will tackle a first full Elite League season at Selco Brummies.

Determination and an all-action style made the rider, who has an Italian passport, popular as he claimed big scalps, including that of Wolves' star Freddie Lindgren.

Further good news came yesterday with a ruling that Covatti have a three-point average, assisting the club's team-building plans.

Covatti, who races for Moto Club La Favorita in Vicenza, Italy, was taken to Perry Barr by joint team

manager Phil Morris. He will return to the UK in March. Morris said: "He's keen to learn, we want him at Birmingham and, most importantly, he wants to ride for the Brummies."

"In some ways it was a gamble bringing him over this year, but thankfully the gamble paid off handsomely for the club."

Brummies co-owner Alan Phillips is delighted with the signing. He said: "While, as far as possible, we wish to track a predominately British team, his popularity and potential was just too good to ignore."

## Honours shared in fightback

**Wednesbury 24 Stourbridge Lions 24**  
WEDNESBURY, needing a win to boost their standing in Midlands Three West (North), fought back from 13-0 down to draw.

The visitors made a breakthrough on 15 minutes with a penalty, and increased their advantage two minutes later with a converted try. Stourbridge kept up the pressure and landed another penalty on 25 minutes.

On 35 minutes Wednesbury were awarded a penalty on the Stourbridge five-metre line, took a quick tap and played the ball to Chris Handley to crash over the line for a try. Nick Biddlecombe converted.

But within two minutes Stourbridge scored another try to lead 18-7 at the break.

Within five minutes of the restart Wednesbury's centre Mitch Grealy got a try and with their pack dominating, they finished off a perfect move for Chris Bartley to go over for a third try, which Biddlecombe converted.

Three minutes later centre Jack McNaney went on a storming run evading Stourbridge tackles to go going over in the corner.

Stourbridge squared the game with a penalty.

## Eagles and Riders ready for repeat

NEWCASTLE EAGLES and Jelson Homes DMU Leicesters Riders contest the 10th British Basketball League cup final at the NIA on January 13 in a repeat of last season's play-off final.

Then the Eagles completed a clean sweep of all four BBL competitions with a 71-62 win. For tickets, call 0844 338 8000 or visit [www.thetickfactory.com](http://www.thetickfactory.com)

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# ALBION ARE AFTER £1.5m FOR WOOD

**ALBION are ready to hold out for £1.5m for striker Chris Wood after Championship clubs hotbed up their interest in the New Zealand international.**

Brighton are among the clubs ready to rival Millwall for the in-form forward's signature with the Baggies hoping a January bidding war will drive up the value of any deal.

Millwall, for whom 21-year-old Wood has hit 10 goals in 17 starts during a successful loan spell, have already tabled a £1m bid for the Hawthorns academy graduate.

But Albion have fielded enquiries from several other Championship sides including Brighton, where Wood spent six months on loan in the 2010-11 season and against whom he netted twice on Tuesday night.

Wood seems likely to leave The Hawthorns permanently in January with his contract due to expire next summer and little indication that he figures in Albion's long-term plans.

### Plucked

But the Baggies are determined to drive a hard bargain for a player they plucked from junior football in his homeland and nurtured in their academy.

Brighton manager Gus Poyet all but confirmed his club's interest, although the Seagulls are not yet thought to have lodged a formal bid.

"We had him here when he was very young and we helped each other," said the Uruguayan.

"He helped us a lot with his power and his goals. I think we did our job as well to put him in shape, because he was still growing up."

"I think he is a much better player now. He is mature, he has learnt a lot about the game in England."

"There has been plenty of talk and he is a player we know very well, which would

by Steve Madeley

make it very easy to make a decision one way or the other."

Wood has been a hit at Millwall, whose chairman John Berylson has confirmed a bid.

Lions manager Kenny Jackett said: "He is a player we would definitely like to pursue once his loan expires. "Would that be a permanent deal? Yes."

"We will have to see what January brings, but it is no secret that we like Chris and we would like to keep him."

Meanwhile, full-back Goran Popov has thanked Baggies fans for their musical tribute to his performance in Sunday's goalless draw with West Ham.

Supporters paid tribute to the Macedonia international with a song to the tune of the Popeye cartoon theme.

"I didn't hear the song the fans were singing because I was just concentrating on the game," said Popov, who is on a season-long loan from Dynamo Kiev, with a view to a permanent deal.

"But when I went into the changing room they told me. "Thank you to the fans for that. The kitman is going to send to my phone what they sing."

## Ladies climb the ladder of success in cup tie

**Halesowen Town Ladies 4 Wednesfield Ladies 1**

HALESOWEN saw off a team five divisions higher up the ladder in round three of the County Cup.

In a sprightly start the disciplined Yeltz back four made sure that Wednesfield were caught offside several times.

On a really bogey pitch Halesowen played some encouraging football.

The deadlock was broken in the 25th minute when Dani Reade's through ball saw the skilful Lyndsey Glover leave a defender in her wake and slot the ball home from a tight angle.

Wednesfield equalised within 10 minutes after the home team were caught in possession.

But shortly before half-time, Glover turned provider with a nicely-weighted pass from which Rachel Letford scored.

A confident Halesowen dominated the second half, but wasted several chances.

However, they got the third goal when hard-working midfielder Nicola Finlay took a neat touch and found Letford for the club's leading scorer to finish the move.

Wednesfield responded, but their attacks foundered on centre-backs Charlotte Byatt and Ashleigh Simpson. Halesowen got the fourth when Reade headed in a Glover corner.



Top scorer Rachel Letford puts Halesowen Town Ladies 3-1 up against Wednesfield

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